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AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

TYLER TO ARRANGE TAFT CAMPAIGN SPEECHES

ON ISSUES TOUCHING THE NEGRO

Booklet Will Appear About March—Senator Foraker Denies Late Stories—"Black Cabinet" Seems Intact.

Special by Thompson's National News Bureau.

Washington, D. C., January 27.—An arrangement has been made by Mr. Ralph W. Tyler, Auditor for the Navy department, for a thorough compilation of the speeches of President-elect William Howard Taft on the issues touching the Negro race. The list is to include all of the addresses delivered by Judge Taft before the Chicago convention, during the campaign and since the November election, bringing the collection complete in detail through the recent itinerary in the State of Georgia. The President-elect has made many references to the race problem than the most careful reader of the daily papers has ben able to keep track of, for in numerous instances the Associated Press, with heavy demands upon its wires and papers in certain localities not caring to place emphasis upon views dircordant with their notions, have failed to present adequate reports of what has actually been said. The aim of the volume in question will be to present in comprehensive form the entire record of Judge Taft on the problems that most deeply concern the well-being of our people. Such a work, coming at the beginning of the presidential career of the new Chief Executive, will be of especial interest to the nation at large, and will make for a clearer understanding of his plans and purposes, and the motives underlying them, than has been possible in the past. It is peculiarly fitting that it should fall to the lot of Mr. Tyler to prepare such a compilation. A trained literary genius, possessing unusual opportunities to become with the methods of up-to-date journalism and an experience covering many years in the art of placing manuscripts in their most attractive guise for the people who want facts, not gush or platitudes, Mr. Tyler is pre-eminently the man for this exacting duty. It will be worthy of the performer and serve well the high purpose which called it forth.

No peculiary profit is to be derived by any one from the publication of this booklet. It is to be circulated free of charge, save, perhaps a penny or two to cover postage. It is expected to be ready about inauguration time, and as it will be circulated from this city, it will be particularly available for the host of colored visitors who will be in here early in March. Due notice of the appearance of the work will be made through these columns.

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It may be said, without fear of successful contradiction, that both Auditor Tyler and Registrar Vernon are universally popular in this community. Both belong to the civic life of the capital and are eagerly sought for addresses by the social, political, professional and business elements when meetings of "great pith and moment" are held. Nobody has anything against them and it is agreed on all sides that they are a credit to the race and to the government they serve.

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Senator Foraker, in a signed statement issude a day or so ago, emphatically denies the stories which have been finding their way into print, to the effect that after his retirement from the Senate March 4 next, he would become the counsel for the discharged soldiers of the 25th infantry. He and his friends deny all knowledge of any fund being raised for the purpose of employing him to defend the Brownsville soldiers in the courts or elsewhere and adds that he could not accept such employment should it be tendered. The senator may carry on the fight for the discharged soldiers, but it is understood that he will not take up the work with any expectation of monetary reward.

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The Sub-Committee on Public Comfort, of which Mr. Daniel Murray is chairman, has opened headquarters in the National Benefit Association building, 609 F street, N. W., and communications sent there will receive careful attention by the officers in charge. It is the purpose of this committee to secure the best possible accommodations for all colored visitors who plan to come to Washington during the inaugural period. No charge is made for any service rendered in this connection. Lists are being prepared, together with prices to be asked, and all that visitors need to do is to write Mr. Murray, advising him of the time of their arrival and they will be guided to the several places from which a suitable selection can be made.

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Dr. Booker T. Washington is in the city this week attending the conference of philanthropists, educators and sociologists of the country at the White House. These eminent workers for humanity were summoned especially by President Roosevelt to consult together and to devise some plan by which a stronger degree of effort may be put forth for the care of dependent children—how they may be educated and developed into useful citizens. Mr. Washington is preparing to make a tour of the state of South Carolina, similar in purpose and method to that which he recently made with such signal success through Mississippi. The party will include a number of representative gentlemen, and will be under the general charge of Rev. Richard Carroll of Columbia S. C., and Mr. W. T. Andrews of Sumter.

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The journalistic craftsmen of Washington—and there are a big lot of them here, of the gilt-edged type, too—generally approve of the proposition to hold a convention of the Negro press, and either revive the association already in existence or form a new one. The prevailing opinion is that political lines should be eschewed, and that the underlying policy be "strictly business." The Negro press needs now to be placed on a sound financial basis, if it would wield the influence that is its due, and if this problem can be solved by putting together the best heads of the profession along about inaugural time, it will be worth the while of every enterprising Negro newspaper man in the land to come on and contribute his mite to the disciussion. By all means, let us have the convention.

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Notwithstanding the thundering in the index, no harm has been done so far. We have not been able to uncover any "deep-laid scheme" here to "do" either Auditor Tyler or Registrar Vernon, nor have we detected any visible signs that they are trying to "do" eac hother. The entire episode is regarded by the conservative ones as a mere "tempest in a teapot," soon to be forgotten by all who have been unwittingly drawn into it. The true friends of the 'Black Cabinet" are expressing the hope that neither they nor their newspaper allies will permit themselves to be imposed upon by the poisonous gossip so frequently indulged in by those who thirve upon strife and who perhaps imagine they see personal profit in breaking up a group of high-grade men who are rendering noble service and upon whose continued solidarity much of our success depends.

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Incessant talk has been indulged in for several days on the curbstones and in the political haunts, uptown and downtown, but a careful survey of the situation by your correspondent fails to disclose that there is any real trouble in the whole business. It looks to the layman as if somebody had been trying to make a mountain out of a mole-hill and has come mighty nigh succeeding—as far as talk is concerned. We are pretty well acquainted with the influential forces hereabouts, and have litle difficulty, usually, in finding out what is going on. We have not, as yet, been able to find a single individual of prominence who confesses to any definite knowledge of anybody who is "after" Mr. Tyler, or who has any well-founded grievance against Mr. Vernon. If there are "tricksters" in our midst, they are keeping as mum as a deacon at a Quaker meeting.

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Plans for the inauguration are going on as originally scheduled, notwithstanding the circulation of rumors of a piece with the foregoing. The Monacans, a standard club of society folk, will open the ball on the evening of March 3d at the Auditorium. The people at large are free to attend the "Inaugural Ball" proper at the Pension Office on the night of March 4th. On the 5th the colored citizens' movement—the Inaugural Welcome Club—will give a grand reception at Convention hall, and on the evening of the 6th, the Mu-So-Lit, of which much unauthorized "rot" has been written, will give a national smoker either at the Conservatory of Music or at some other place large enough to accomodate its friends. The Monacans, of which Dr. James E. Walker is president, and W. L. D. Wilkinson is secretary, have arranged to follow their inaugural reception with a second function, to be "pulled off" during Easter week. Letters are pouring in from all parts of the country, asking for information concerning these various entertainments, and an effort is being made to answer each one promptly and correctly.

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At this writing the "Black Cabinet" seems to be intact. Each day that the members are in the city, they take their luncheon as of yore at Gray's and discuss the issues that particularly affect the race. If there is any break in the friendship of any of them over these trifling rumors, there is nothing on the surface to indicate it. They have had enough experience to recognize the fact that all men in the public eye are going to be talked about, and their actions are going to be the subject of gossip, the bulk of which is untrue. It is likewise to be expected that innocent publishers will be taken in sometimes by fellows who send them stuff that looks all right. A live journalist is glad to get hold of a bit of sensational speculation and is apt to give it space, provided it is not libelous. The reading public will be gulled frequently in these strenuous times, when a "special" is placed before them in apparent good faith, no matter how absurd it may seem to us who are here on the ground. The Caucasion leaders, Roosevelt, Taft and the cabinet possibilities are "written up" every day by the imaginative geniuses, and ther denying apparatus is working overtime, but they do not grow excited and regard themselves as the objects of a malicious attack. They put out a dignified contradiction, if the matter is serious, but ignore most of the newspaper gabble as of no consequence. Our "Black Cabinet" is pursuing this sensible course, and is paying no attention to those who would have them believe that some foul "plot" is on foot to oust them from their cosy jobs.

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The air is rent this week with rumors. If half of them are true, the country would be led to believe that the heretofore solid "Black Cabinet" is on the verge of dissolution. It appears that some unknown correspondent has been sending out ananymous communications to various colored papers throughout the country, and having escaped the lynx-eyed censors of these journals, the articles have stirred up a Pandora's box of gossip and set some folks around here by the ears after a fashion that makes the mischief-makers extremely happy.

It seems that some journalistic sléuth pretends to have discovered a diabolical plot, with headquarters at Cleveland, to unhorse Auditor Ralph W. Tyler as Ohio's recognized leader and administration adviser, and an inference is thrown out that the Registrar of the Treasury is in league with a faction that desires Tyler's destruction. This is promptly denied by the Registrar, of course, and the matter drops for want of credible evidence.

Then springs up another round of talk, in which it is said that some other crowd is hot after the scalp of Registrar W. T. Vernon. Long editorials appear in a local paper in defense of the Registrar. Men of straw are set up at will and lambasted as a "lot of tricksters," and charged with working "nefarious" schemes looking to Mr. Vernon's official undoing. Dark hints are made that "everybody knows who the scoundrels are," and the chills and fever music permeates the atmosphere when the threat is handed out that their names will be made public "if this systematic misrepresentation does not cease." Although these mischievous "specials" purport to emanate from various sources, it is intimated that they are hatched up in Washington by some unscrupulous sensationalist—who is also known—and who will be exposed in all his villainy at the psychological moment. And so the story goes, ad infinitum.

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At the joint installation of officers of Charles Sumner Post, G. A. R., No. 9, and the Woman's Relief Corps, No. 3, at Grand Army hall on the evening of January 20, the principal address was made by Mr. John H. Paynter, a member of Gen. Guy V. Henry Harrison, No. 9, Army and Navy Union, and author of "Joining the Navy; or Abroad with Uncle Sam." The hall was completely filled with an audience of both races, among whom were many persons of prominence in Grand Army and political circles.

Major C. A. Fleetwood conducted the ceremonies incident to the installation for the Post and Mrs. Isabell Worrell Ball for the Corps.

Mr. Paynter paid a high tribute to the services of the Negro soldiers and sailors in all the wars of America, beginning with that of the Revolution in which there were 5,000 who did valiant service for the cause of American independence. Speaking of the Negroes in the Navy, he said:

"It is not the fault of Negroes that they have not risen higher in this branch of service. The dial of time and necessity has not perhaps yet recorded the hour; but who can tell? The life of the republic is as yet like that of the infant in swaddling clothes: necessity, development, a broadening horoscope may yet force reluctant recognition of this neglected class and the acknowledged truth of Commodore Chauncey's appraisement, who courageously said: 'My Negro sailors are not surpassed by any seamen in the fleet, and I have yet to learn that the color of the skin or the cut and trimmings of the coat can affect a man's qualifications or usefulness.' "

In closing Mr. Paynter said: "In the work of adjustment and correction and the process of the establishment of equal rights and privileges for all the citizens of our common country, the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied organizations must have an important part. It should never permit itself to be divorced from that democracy of spirit and devotion which was idealized amid the thunders of shot and shell, the memory of which should now, in civil life, unite as with bands of steel the interests and affections of comrade to comrade, be he black or be he white."

NEWS NOTES OF THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

Recorder John C. Dancy has returned from North Carolina.

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The Washington American, published by Messrs. Oliver Randolph and Ocia Taylor, shows signs of great vitality. Everybody hopes it will have a long and useful life.

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Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Carter, aged 106 years, known far and wide as "Grandma" Carter, is dead. She is said to have been the oldest person living in the District of Columbia, up to the date of her death.

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Mr. Edward H. Lawson, a graduate of Howard University and a recent appointee on the staff of our schools, is now the Washington correspondent of the New York *Age* and is getting up quite a newsy letter.

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Noah Simons, sixty-four years of age, a veteran employe of the Treasury department, was found dead in his bed at his boarding place on 18th street last Tuesday evening. Death was due to natural causes.

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Several hundred callers of the Negro race paid their respects to President Roosevelt at the White House on New Year's Day, it being the largest turn-out of the kind since the President's New Year reception in 1905.

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A committee of 100 is to be appointed by the executive committee of ten in charge of the proposed public reception to Senator Foraker, to be given at the Metropolitan A. M. E. church on the evening of March 6. Mr. Daniel Murray is treasurer of the executive committee.

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Mr. James W. Johnson, of New York, has been promoted from the consulship at Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, to the post at Corinto, Nicaragua, and his appointment has been confirmed by the Senate. Mr. H. R. Wright, of Des Moines, Iowa, succeeds Mr. Johnson at Puerto Cabello.

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Mr. Alexander Sewall, a musician bearing excellent endorsements from members of the Marine Band, is an applicant for the post of bandmaster in the United States Army. The 24th Infantry, at Madison Barracks, N. Y., is now the only colored regiment which has a white bandmaster.

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The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Henry, of 1348 Wallach Place N. W., early Monday morning, January 18, and left a charming little daughter. The James A. Buchanan Garrison Army and Navy Union, of which Mr. Henry is commander, is planning a reception for him in honor of the happy event.

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Former Registrar J. W. Lyons is back from Georgia, fresh from the brilliant meeting at the Haines Industrial school, where President-Elect Taft delivered what is regarded as the strongest speech made to the Negro people of the state during his recent itinerary. The Haines school is located at Augusta, and Miss Lucy E. Laney one of the South's ablest instructors, is its presiding genius.

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Registrar W. T. Vernon has gone to Kansas for a three weeks' stay and will deliver a number of addresses during his sojourn on his native heath. His oration on Lincoln at Kansas City February 12th will be a notable utterance on the life of the Great Commoner. Many elaborate social functions have been planned in his honor.

"The Wilberforcians" are preparing to entertain President W. S. Scarborough during the inaugural period.

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Supervising Principal John C. Nalle has been suspended for three months for alleged neglect of duty, with a probable demotion to the ranks at the end of that time. Mr. Nalle's friends regard the punishment as entirely too heavy, in view of certain mitigating circumstances. His place is being filled temporarily by Miss Mildred Gibbs. The Board has decided to hold the permanent appointment in abeyance, to await the action of Congress on a pending measure providing for the discontinuance of the office of supervising principal.

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L. M. Hershaw and R. W. Thompkins have been appointed on Major Richard Sylvester's committee on public order for the inauguration. Convention hall has been secured for the ball of the Inaugural Welcome Club on the night of March 5. Lawyer R. R. Horner has been named as chairman of the executive commitee of the club; Major Arthur Brooks is chairman of the committee on decorations, with Architect John A. Lankford as assistant, and R. W. Thompson is chairman of the committee on publicity and promotion. The regular meetings are being held weekly now at 1633 11th street N. W.

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Lieut. Walter A. Pinchbeck, who served with distinction in the Spanish-American war, is senior clerk in the office of the Recorder of Deeds and acts as chief deputy in the absence of Mr. Dutton, who has general charge of the routine work of the office. Lieut. Pinchback is held in high esteem by Recorder Dancy and a substantial promotion is said to be in store for him at an early date. In addition to being well-posted on the work of the Recorder of Deeds establishment, Lieut. Pinchback is a practicing lawyer of brilliant attainments and a clever business man, handling real estate and other lines of commercial activity.

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If the bill introduced a few days ago by Representative Hayes, of California, becomes a law, the old system of allowing railroads to give passes to newspapers in exchange for advertising, will come in again, much to the delight of the publishers who have been compelled for the last few years to dig down in his jeans for real money or stay at home. No class of people do more for the general prosperity and happiness of the country than the journalist and he should have the benefit of the proposed immunity from the anti-pass restriction. Public sentiment is strong in favor of the Hayes measure and it will doubtless pass at this session of Congress.

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Dr. E. D. Williston, Grand Marshal of the Inaugural Parade, is making up his staff, which will include some of the most distinguished colored men in the country. It will be Dr. Williston's plan to have every state represented, if possible to secure the attendance of the proper material from the distant sections. Eeach member of the staff will be mounted on a "fiery, untamed steed," and will wear a silk hat, a regimental sash, and riding boots. The sight bids fair to be a most imposing one, and places are held in high esteem by those fortunate enough to be invited. The selection of Dr. Williston to head this great pageant is proving a popular one and it is certain that he will be loyally supported by a contingent of friends from "all over."

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The problem of suffrage for the District of Columbia is being quite vigorously discussed these days by the various civic organizations here and general meetings, with delagtes from the local associations are also being held in furtherance of the effort to make real citizens of those Americans who happen to be born on this federal reservation. The presence of so many colored people is set forth as an argument against granting suffrage here, but the more liberal element of the whites has ve no fear of Negro domination or that the Negro voters will prove any more corrupt than the members of any other race. If suffrage should be granted, there is apt to be an educational or property qualification attached to the right to vote. Mr. Daniel Murray, a large property owner of the District, for many years Assistant Librarian of Congress, representing the Colored Civic League, is the only delegate of the race to the general conventions.

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Ye scribe takes pleasure in acknowledging an invitation to be present at the banquet given by the Attucks Republican Club, of Cleveland, Ohio, February 12, in memeory of the birthday of Frederick Douglass and the 100th birthday anniversary of Abraham Lincoln. The function will be given at Clayton Hall, 2828 Central Avenue, and Prof. Roscoe Conkling will be the guest of honor. The banquet committee of the Crispus Attucks Club is made up of John A. Wilson, Nahum D. Brascher, George G. Jones, Thomas W. Fleming and Edward P. Smith. Grateful acknowledgment is also made of an invitation to attend the Lincoln-Douglass Anniversary Dinner and Celebration of the Westchester County Negro Republican League, in Turn Hall, Yonkers, New York, on the evening of February 12th. Paul H. Bray, a re-

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PITCHFORKING THE PITCHFORKER.

—Donahey in Cleveland Plain Dealer.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL NEEDED

LOUISVILLE BUSINESS MEN MUST LEAD MOVEMENT

JULIA YOUNG FLAYS JIM CROW BEREA

With Much Effect—Death of Dr. T. W. Prather—Negroes in the Mail Service Promoted—Dedication of Girls' Dormitory.

Public opinion might well be marshalled by the Local Negro Business Men's League for a new high school. It is up to the business men to do something for the best interest of their children. While we subscribe to everything that can be possibly done by the league in the way of creating a sentiment for the patronage of those in business, it would be of great interest to have a new school. Business men are the ones to take up such movements.

While organizing and getting together for the coming meeting in August, a general interest could be aroused for a new high school. There is not a thinking person in town that would not endorse the movement. It is almost a foregone conclusion that the teachers are not going to take the lead and it is now up to the substantial business men to strike out and go for their children. It is a shame that such a dilapidated building, nearly a half century old should be used as a school house. Yet the "Big Business Negro" sits idly by and does not turn his hand in the interest of those institutions that are for the betterment of his children and his childrens' children.

A new, well equipped building with all modern advantages would be a blessing. Teachers would feel more like teaching and a greater interest would be manifested at our high school. It would be an arsenal and fortress against ignorance and illiteracy.

The last meeting of the league was quite interesting. While the discussions and appointments of various committees caused some little debate, the Rev. L. G. Jordan, William H. Steward, William Brown and others harmonized affairs and things are now in a most tangible form.

It is too early in the game to foreshadow any real definite results of the local meetings, yet it may go without saying that the coming meeting will be one long remembered by a delegate who chanced to peep at our pretty girls, taste our good whiskey, ride our fast horses and accept our Kentucky hospitality.

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After an elapse of several weeks on account of the lack of printers, the Kentucky Standard was out Saturday. It was bright, newsy and crisp. Miss Julia Young, the only female editor aside from Miss Walker, of Virginia, handed some hot shot to the "Jim Crow" Berea, as has been termed in this section. tI caused the colored people here to sit up and think about the new school, and from her argument, things have taken a decided turn in affairs.

It was real amusing last week to hear that the colored leaders of the Berea movement have the superintedent of the public schools call all the colored teachers to a meeting. The teachers did not know what the meeting was to be in the interest of, so they were all present.

The superintendent stated the object of the meeting and a few others in sympathy of the new movement and they left and turned the movement over to the Berea contingent who are pushing a campaign. When the white people left the teachers comprehended the whole scheme, there was a turn in the meeting and the teachers eased out one by one. There were, however, some to subscribe to the $50,000 that is expected to be raised in the state of Kentucky.

The thing that is puzzling the colored people of this city and state is why is it that the Negro can't have an academic, normal anl college training as well as toting the wood and digging in the soil. They are asking why is there to be expended $400,000 for a school and the students not given a chance to learn the higher things as well as the industrial pursuits. These things they claim are now taught at the old Berea and why can't they be taught at the new Berea? Such questions are now being asked by the people of city and state and it reported that they must be answered before greater interest will be manifested in the founding of the new institution.

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Mr. Roberts, of the Savoy Cafe, Indianapolis, Ind., was in the city last week on a short visit.

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Mrs. ElenoraBoyd Williams, after spending several weeks in the city of Louisville has gone to Chicago, Ill.

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Mr. Irvin Slye, of French Lick Springs, spent a week here last week, circulating among his friends, Messrs. J. Ed Green, S. H. Dudley of the "Smart Set" and Dr. Morris Blackburn.

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The Pekin Cafe closed Monday night but it will be opened soon by Mr. Tom Cole, who expects to make it one of the most fashionable of its kind in the country. His specialty will be that of serving good meals.

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Eighteen local performers gave an entertainment at the Seelback last week, among them being Miss Ethel Reed, Bud Lively, Joe Clark, Jr., Ike Early, Joe Clark, Sr., Mrs. Nettie and Lovie Taylor, James Clark, Miles Harris and Will Barbor.

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At the last Central High school exercises on commencement night February 2, will have a speaker who will represent the people. Mr. Alex Morris, one of the substantial citizens in this community will speak to the graduating class. There will be ten graduates.

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The Calumet Club, of which Mr. Robert George is president was to have given an entertainment last Monday night but on account of bad weather, it was postponed

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BY "DOROTHY"

This column is devoted to the interests of all women and their organizations also. Address all communications to Dorothy, The Freeman Indianapolis, Ind.

DAILY FAITH.

ELIZABETH W. MASTERS.

Come, teach me the words of prayer
That will fill my heart with joy,
And bring me nearer to my God
And lighten each daily care.

The words of simple faith
That leads from earth to heaven,
Where no sorrow or sin
Shall lead my feet astray.

Teach me that Christ who came
To this sinful earth below,
Spilled His blood and wore a crown of thorns
That we His love should know.

If I must live this life
Without the simple faith in God,
Then let me die now
And forget that I ever lived.

THE Y. W. C. A. AT NEW YORK

The work of the association is running along smoothly. The singing class which meets every Monday is doing well. The work in education is very satisfactory and the classes are well attended. The association dormitory is filled. Young women will find the association a very pleasant place. The new secretary, Miss M. E. Grandison, has put new energy into the work. She is an accomplished young woman and is amply prepared for the work. She is from Bolton, Miss., and a graduate of Spelman Seminary, Atlanta, Ga. She came to New York in September, 1908, to take up her work as secretary of the Y. W. C. A.

The officers of the association are: Miss C. T. King, president; Miss Ruth Butts, vice president; Mrs. W. A. J. Smith, second vice president; Miss J. E. Higgan, recording secretary; Mrs. V. E. Scott, treasurer; Mrs. S. Bernard, chaplain, and Miss M. E. Grandison, general secretary.

Among the workers in the Y. W. C. A. are Mrs. E. P. Roberts, Mrs. R. C. Ransom, Mrs. Frances Keyser, Mrs. E. V. Scott, Mrs. W. S. Hunton, Mrs. Grace Butler, Miss M. J. Lynott, Miss Carrie Anderson, Mrs. Alexander Walters and Mrs. Minyard.

WOMAN CLOSES DIVES.

It is reported that a woman has closed the dives and gambling joints at Denver. She is a colored woman and complained to Chief Armstrong that her husband, who earns good wages, gambled away all his money in these dives and left her and her children destitute. The chief closed them at once.

MRS. MARY CHURCH TERRELL AT KNOXVILLE COLLEGE.

Mrs. Mary Church Terrell will lecture Feb. 12 at Knoxville College at Knoxville, Tenn. Mrs. Terrell is the first colored woman to have served on the Board of Trustees of the Washington Public Schools, and is the first president of the National Association of Colored Women.

TO HELP THE DESERVING POOR.

At Los Angeles, Cal., a club has been organized known as the Willing Workers, whose object will be to help the deserving poor. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month. There was a debate on the second Tuesday in January. Subject, "Resolved, That a Woman Has the Right to Read Her Husband's Mail," Mrs. J. W. Gooch took the negative and Mrs. Mamie James affirmative. Mrs. Lillian Russel is president of the club, and Mrs. M. C. Leake, secretary.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Installation of officers of the City Federation of Colored Women of Pensacola, Fla., took place at Clinton Chapel Sunday, Jan. 17. Rev. Harris delivered the installation sermon. The officers of the federation are: Mrs. H. G. Williams, president; Mrs. Rubie Wilson, secretary; and Mrs. W. H. Hamilton, treasurer. Mrs. Harriet L. Dorroh, president of the State Federation of Colored Women, and Mrs. Fannie Fredericks are honorary presidents of the City Federation.

CHICAGO CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Cornell Charity Club held its regular meeting recently at the home of Mrs. W. Fakens. Election of officers took place and the following were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Emma S. Kennedy; first vice president, Mrs. Minnie M. Mitcham; second vice president, Mrs. Cordelia Yarbrugh; secretary, Mrs. Irene Campbell; treasurer, Mrs. Clara Cooper; editor of *Cornell Weekly*, Mrs. E. G. Benny; assistant editor, Mrs. Joseph Clayburg; parliamentary teacher, Mrs. T. G. Macon; assistant secretary, Miss Lulu Pettis; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Florence Smith.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The following officers were installed at the Williams Household of Ruth, No. 469, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., recently: Mrs. Grace L. Wilson, M. N. G.; Mrs. Mattie I. Gates, R. N. G.; Miss M. Ella Williams, treasurer; Mrs. Marie F. Stevens, W. R. The following were appointed by the M. N. G. for the present term: R. S. S., Mrs. Emma Thompson; L. S. S., Mrs. Addie Johnson; R. J. S., Mrs. Mamie Griffin; L. J. S., Mrs. Caddie Wilson; W. C., Mrs. Natalie Young; Worthy Usher, Mrs. Anna Downey; W. S., Mrs. Ella Johnson. That great interest is taken in the work is manifested by the fact that in but few instances marks were checked against the officers passing out of the chairs.

SERVANT GIRLS GAMBLERS.

English Judge Says Bookmakers Do Big Business with Them.

Commenting upon the disclosures as to gambling among girls, made at the quarter sessions at Naas, Ireland, in the course of a slander case against a woman bookmaker, Judge Barry said that the vice of gambling had gone so far that women bookmakers did a large business with domestic servants, who thus frittered away their wages.

He blamed bridge whist for fostering the love of gambling in the upper classes, characterizing it as a "moral pest." It was well known that the ready money bookmaker did a large business among the factory girls of London, and all the large cities, going to meet them as they left their work on paydays. Women in the factory often acted as their agents.

CLUBS OF TOPEKA, KAN.

The City Federation of Women's Clubs held their regular meeting Friday evening, January 22.

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The Philohetorian Club held an afternoon meeting with Mrs. W. I. Jamison. J. L. Harrison, principal of one of the colored schools of the city, was present and read a paper on "The True Spirit of Giving." Twenty blocks were pieced for a charity quilt and the hostess presented each member with a calendar.

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The Ladies' Shamrock Club met with Mrs. Annie Tyler last week.

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The Ladies' Sewing Circle of St. John A. M. E. Church elected the following officers for this year at the meeting with Mrs. Mary Bennett: President, Mrs. M. Chiles; vice president, Mrs. M. Smith; secretary, Miss Mamie Johnson; assistant secretary, Mrs. J. R. Ransom; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Bennett; chaplain, Mrs. Eliza Marion; chairman of modiste committee, Mrs. M. Pace; lookout committee, Mrs. Phoebe Atkinson and Mrs. Ella Rolling. The secretary and treasurer made their annual reports. Amount raised during the year, $161.76. D. F. Tipton of Emporia, Presiding Elder J. R. Ransom and Mrs. Gentry of Shiloh, Okla., were visitors. Mrs. John Buckner presented the circle with a beautiful double Irish chain quilt.

CLUBS AT PUEBLO, COLO.

The City Federation will meet with the president, 900 East Abriendo avenue, the first Monday in February. J. S. Young is president and Miss Mattie Aldridge secretary.

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The Mothers' Excelsior Club met with Mrs. Cornelius Hill January 20. The ladies brought their thimbles and served for the needy while discussing business.

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The Modiste Art Club is doing some excellent fine art work.

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The Loyal Temperance Legion is holding very interesting meetings, and an appeal is being made to every mother who has the moral training of her daughter at heart to see that she ha sthe benefit of scientific temperance instruction.

Miss Eliza E. Cleborn is a successful stenographer and typewriter at Oswego, N. Y.

Mrs. A. L. Norwood is one of the wealthiest colored women in the State of Oklahoma.

Mrs. Lola Wallace, formerly of Victoria, Tex., is now conducting a successful laundry at Cuero.

Mrs. Ruth Keene is stenographer for the Afro-American Realty Co. at Pueblo, Col., and is the only colored one in that city.

Elnora Carter of Augusta, Mo., is the lady attendant at the undertaking establishment of G. Wade Ohee at Omaha, Neb.

Mrs. Frances B. Watson of Kansas City, Kan., is president of the Kaw Valley District Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention.

Sarah May Talbert of Buffalo, N. Y., won one of the prizes at the essay contest at Central High School of that city. She is the only colored student among 1,000.

Mrs. S. L. Porter of Nashville, Tenn., is the Grand Princess of the State Grand Temple of Tennessee. She has served in several positions in this order for twenty years.

Mrs. Mollie Thompson is Worthy Princess of Queen Vashti Temple, No. 35, of Glump, Tenn., and special deputy of the W. B. F. and S. M. F. She will attend the National Grand Temple at St. Paul, Minn., in July.

Mrs. Lucy Howard is president of the Sons and Daughters of Zion, No. 1, of Montgomery, Ala. The James Hail Club, No. 1, met recently at the Old Ship church. Miss Lucinda Morris is president; Mrs. Lucy Garrett, vice president, and Mrs. Sadie Burrell, secretary.

The D. Y. N. Y. K. Art and Charity Club of Des Moines, Iowa, met last week with Mrs. Della Bryant. The H. B. S. Reading Club met last week with Mrs. Fred Jackson. The Intellectual Improvement Club was the guest of Mrs. Joe Brown. They began the study of American literature.

The Harmony Club of Henderson, Ky., has elected the following officers: Mrs. Wm. J. Weston, president; Mrs. Jane Rucker, vice president; Miss Glodean Cox, secretary; Miss Hattie Evans, assistant secretary; Miss N. May Brown, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Lucy Winston, treasurer; Miss S. E. White, member executive board.

The Sisters of Charity, No. 1, elected and installed the following officers for the year 1909: President, Susie Williams; vice president, Alice Frazier; financial secretary, Mary Brooks; recording secretary, Theresa Lewis; treasurer, Bettie Miliken; chairman of sick committee, Addie Burris; chairman of board, Mary Bowls; chaplain, Ella Waldon.

The E. B. Delaney Missionary Society of Indianapolis, Ind., met with Mrs. Ballard, 821 West Eleventh street. They held their election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. G. Fisher; vice president, Mrs. E. Davis; secretary, Mrs. B. Lowe; treasurer; Mrs. C. Ford; corresponding secretary, Miss Stella Davis; assistant secretary, Mrs. H. Curd; journalist, Mrs. Ella Williams; critic, Mrs. Miller.

RAISING THE STANDARD.

Prof. Kelly Miller, in speaking of properly adjusting educational matters for the Negroes, has uttered expressions that fit conditions and in the meanwhile plainly show the needs of the hour. Among the many things he says now is no truer than this: There have been founded more colleges and universities than can be adequately maintained, and that the high sounding pretensions of an institution above the level of its grade and facilities tends to dicredit the whole scheme of Negro education in the minds of serious and sensible men. The restriction is about right and will tend to have the right effect.

Negro education is discredited, and owing to what is charged in the complaint. In fact, the early tendency of the race was towards the concerns of good sounding titles, and there were those whose business it was to encourage them. However, we will not censure the past too severely, for out of the high pretensions through it all truth has also come. These institutions answered their day very well and are yet answering fairly well. They do some good in the sense of getting an education, even if it came through the form of distinguished institutions. The drawback is and has been that the output of the institutions in the most part does not always contrast favorably with similar institutions in name and in pretensions elsewhere.

The quarrel, as we see it, is not so much with what has been, since there had to be a beginning. In that beginning inflated notions ruled. The ambitious of the race were not willing to begin at the beginning—in fact, did not know how to begin at the beginning. But, again, the wrok was not in vain.

Today is the new call, when the race no longer gropes its way along, but knows definitely and assuredly the better things to do. Mr. Miller suggests that the number of colleges might be reduced to five or six, distributed with reference to the needs of the population, and of providing faculties and facilities that would enable them to live up to the name assumed. In other words, the educational grade of the average Negro school needs to be raised and made actually educational even though denominational.

Perhaps actual reduction would work a hardship, but the multiplication of institutions should be prevented for the future. Our institutions are to be referred to with pride from a scholastic standpoint rather than avoided, as the case is sometimes today. A few great schools with the best known facilities, including teachers, will count greatly in the intellectual world. Harvard University is a great school, great in name, great in all of the essentials of a school at its best, yet it can only accommodate a very small per cent of those seeking higher intellectual ground. The same applies to Yale, Princeton and the rest of our leading institutions; but these joinly only supply a small portion of the great and learned men of today. In most every State are excellent institutions, denominatal and otherwise, that prepare quite as well for citizenship, and which have all resources to the end, lacking only in the grandeur of name. The thousands pouring from them each year enter into all of the walks of life without a single handicap, proving the quality of the institutions.

It goes without saying that less conspicuous institutions may be as highly endowed with the essentials by way of intellect, by way of working qualities, right in Negro communities, that the output need not be ashamed of its source. Doctors and other professional men of the race, when graduating from more than one institution, and where one was by men of their own race, have been known to put on the "Soft pedal" when speaking of their own concerns, yet demonstrative enough when telling of the other institutions. Here, then, is a case of "damning with faint praises"—and through the fact runs the indictment of insufficiency. It should not be so. Negroes in great numbers have graduated from the best schools in the land. The result should be at least an embryo of greater things to be.

When thinking of scholarship or specialism of the professions, the world turns to German — Berlin, Heidleberg—and simply because the atmosphere of intenser thought is there, where scholars are such in the interest of scholarship. Some such atmosphere might invade or pervade our own surroundings even as it does in little Switzerland, where money potency is not the all and all. The thought does away with the notion that it is all in formidability of structure or the amplitude of endowment. Says one, John Hopkins on a log equals university. This is also in keeping with the thought that men have something to do in the making of schools.

Prof. Miller concludes his well-timed remarks as follows:

"It must be admitted that there are an unnecessary number of these special educational institutions scattered about the country whose functions are wholly covered by the improved facilities of the public schools, and whose maintenance therefore is a waste. Sometimes such schools are founded by persons whose personal ambitions are held paramount to the public need and the name of the institution is used for **individual advancement.** Philanthropy is betrayed and the race harmed by these conditions. An adequate number of industrial schools, necessarily located in the South, four or five strong, well-equipped denominational schools, together with the greater colleges and universities which philanthropy has demonstrated to be practicable, and whose curriculums compare well with other recognized institutions, ought to provide a more efficient complement to the public schools than the present numerous, ungradable array of special institutions."

AN EDUCATOR'S VIEWS.

Say what you will, but, after eight years of constant travel, contact and studying conditions, and especially the Negro people, in such centers as Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Cincinnati and scores of other cities, I declare unto you the way out of the miasmal condition for the Negro race, especially, is to teach for the next fifty years the dignity of skill and honest work in every avenue of life.

Opposition.

It is singularly strange that here and there Negro leaders should attempt an objection to this class of training. And especially those who attempt it know so little what is meant by this education, which so thoroughly prepares our youth against poverty, criminality, ignorance, beggary, an indecent life and sham. Negro leaders, of all others in the world, can least afford to throw themselves in front of this wave of public sentiment and eternal redemption of the masses in this Southland from securing that training that will make them useful in the communities where they live. You are often told that practical education is meant for the Negro only. That it means the humiliation of the race; that it means plowing and hoeing, and that, too, by Negro boys and girls. That it means that negro preachers, teachers, lawyers, doctors and other leaders are confined to this grade of training.

Who Are These Teachers?

How do these advisers get their living, and what positions do they occupy? Have they secured a fortune, and thereby pay themselves, or are they being employed and paid by someone else, or are they being paid by the farmers, blacksmiths, carpenters, cooks, maids, washerwomen and scores of persons in other occupations furnished by others than our own race?

Integration has set in when we show a disposition to separate ourselves from the masses of our unfortunate race when it comes to their moral, intellectual and financial uplift, by holding up the irregularities of others and the misfortune and dissatisfaction to which an infant race so environed must necessarily be subjected.

The Race North and South.

I claim that for the last ten years only Booker T. Washington is better prepared to say what I am now about to say:

Our race in the North has had longer and better chances to make appearance and to educate themselves, but when it comes to real substantiality—that is, when it comes to owning a home or a farm or demonstrating what the race can do and is doing to help himself—you consider the Negroes of the South; and this accomplishment has come about not so much from higher education, that too often unfits when given to the worng person, but because of the substantiality of such schools as Tuskegee and Hampton institutes.—R. D. Stinson, Vice-President Morris Brown College.

OBSERVING IN THE "BLACK BELT."

Some facts observed by a traveler who recently visited the vicinity of Vicksburg, Miss., a portion of the famous "Black Belt":

That the retail traffic in intoxicants has just come to an end in many counties—the "Black Belt" is dry.

That the prohibition movement placed Governor Noel in the executive chair.

That the movement was stubbornly opposed in the "Black Belt."

That signs as follows were seen: "Come and get your booze; town goes dry on the 31st. Bring your jugs."

That there was something doing about the saloons; the Negroes were particularly active—anticipating a long dry spell.

That the sentiment prevails that the Negroes would be better controlled by the absence of the saloons.

That at no time do the Southerners allude to the colored people other than "Niggas."

That numbers of saloon keepers have bought land across the river, where they will continue to do business.

That Desoto Island, "No Man's Land," on the Louisiana side, will be devoted to the business. Free launches will be provided for carrying customers.

That saloons were in all of the towns and cities of the "Black Belt."

That "blind tigers," many of them, are expected to follow, where trouble may be expected at any time.

That every Sunday trains run in and out of the "Black Belt" swarmed with colored people. It is the only day half fare rates rules.

That the trainmen say that the Negroes have a passion for riding on the trains.

That they will work through the week, save their money that they may indulge their passion on Sundays.

That when the trains pass through the section on the week days they will stop their work and shout forth: "You is certainly glidin' by today, but I'll be ridin' you Sunday."

That when Sunday comes they ask for a ticket comin' an' goin'; they leave it to the ticket agent to take out the price for the comin' an' goin'.

That the state has a population of 600,000 white people and 900,000 Negroes. In the county in which Vicksburg is situated the proportion is as 16 to 1 in favor of the Negroes.

That the Negro vote of the county and Vicksburg was 70 at the last election and never reaches 100.

That the law disqualifies on the score of illiteracy, but in application does not bear down so hard on the whiteman if he "understands" the constitution.

That the Negro has more trouble understanding the constitution than the whiteman.

That some criminal offenses puts a ban on the would-be voter. The offense of murder is not included.

That under the qualification tests the Negro vote of the state has been reduced to 5,000 or less. The white voters have suffered to the extent of 120,000. (We think the writer is mistaken, since 120,000 would represent the total white vote.)

There is nothing in the prohibition rules that prevents an individual from getting his "wet goods" from abroad. Shipping industry has already picked up.

A NEGRO CROESUS.

The Croesus among Negroes was a role in real life created for Zeke Moore, a Creek freedman, by a recent oil decision of Judge Campbell in the Federal Court in Muskogee, Okla.

The judge held that all the alleged sales and leases signed by Moore to 120 acres of land in the Glenn Pool oil field of Oklahoma are invalid, except one lease, covering a period of fifteen years, given to R. S. Linchfield, who is supposed to represent Standard Oil.

The land is worth $500,000, and by the decision Moore will get 10 per cent royalty on all oil taken from wells on the land under the Linchfield lease. This will make him the richest Negro in Oklahoma.

The defense showed that Moore was a minor and a prisoner in the Lansing (Kan.) penitentiary at the time he was induced to sign several leaves and that he was ignorant of the value of his land, which was an allotment made to him by the Federal Government.—The American Trumpet.

The following appeared recently in the Tuskegee Messenger, a publication of the same town in which Booker T. Washington's school is located: "One hundred and forty-six farmers registered in the short course last Monday morning. They see that they need to learn more about their business. They will now begin to rotate their crops instead of raising cotton alone. You are on the right road, brothers." The colored farmers are just beginning to do what others have been doing for many years. They have not thought much of the book-learned farming heretofore. Results are what tell. The colored farmer sees at last that there is more in the business than he had thought. Even the soil is jealous. It must have care and attention, else it wont do very much.

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Traditions of lost mines are plentiful in Arizona and northern Mexico. First taken up by the Spanish invaders of 300 years ago from the native Indians, they have passed down to each subsequent influx of white men. The directions are always vague. The inquirer cannot pin his informant down to any definite data. Over the mountains always lies the road. Hundreds of lives have been sacrificed and cruelty unparalleled practiced upon innocent men, women and children by gold seekers in their lust for conquest. Prosperous Indian villages have been laid waste, and whole bands of adventurers have gone into the desert in search of these mines, never to return.

When the time for Lane's departure came Echo wept at the thought of losing for so long a time the close companion of her childhood and the sympathetic confidant of her youthful thoughts and aspirations. Dick, in whom friendship for Echo had long before ripened into conscious love, took her tears as evidence that she was similarly affected toward him, and he allowed all the suppressed passion of his nature full vent in a declaration of love. The girl was deeply moved by this revelation of the heart of a strong man made tender as a woman's by a power centering in her own humble self, and, being utterly without experience of the emotion even in its protective form of calf love, which is the varioloid of the genuine affection, she imagined through sheer sympathy that she shared his passion. So she assented with maidenly reserve to his plea that she promise to marry him when he should return and provide a home for her. Her more cautious mother secured a modification of this pledge by limiting the time that Echo should wait for him to one year. If at the expiration of that period Lane did not return to claim her promise or did not write making satisfactory arrangements for continuance of the engagement Echo was to be considered free to marry whom she chose.

Soon after Lane's departure Mrs. Allen persuaded the colonel to send Echo east to a New England finishing school for girls, where her mother hoped that her budding love for Lane might be nipped by the frigid atmosphere of intellectual culture, if not, indeed, supplanted by a saving interest in young men in general and perhaps in some particular scion of a blue blooded Boston family.

The plan succeeded in part only. The companionship of her schoolfellows, her music and art lessons, her books (during the limited periods allotted to serious study and reading) and, above all, her attrition at receptions with another order of men than that she had known in the rough, uncultured west occupied her mind so fully that poor Dick Lane, who was putting a thought of Echo Allen in every blow of his pick, received only the scraps of her attention.

Dick had few opportunities to mail a letter and none of them for receiving one. Unpracticed in writing, his epistolary compositions were crude in the extreme, being wholly confined to bald statements of fact. Had he been as tender on paper as he was in his words and accents when he kissed away her tears at parting her regard for him would have had fuel to feed on and might have kindled into genuine love. As it was, she was forced to admit that in comparison with the brilliant university men with whom she conversed Dick Lane intellectually was as quartz to diamond.

On the other hand, she contrasted Dick in the essential point of manliness most favorably with the male butterflies of society that hovered around her. What one of them was so essentially chivalrous as the western man—so modest, so self sacrificing, so brave and resolute and resourceful? Dick Lane, or Jack Payson, for that matter, in all save the adventitious points of education and culture was the higher type of manhood, and Jack, at least, if not poor Dick, could hold his own in mental and artistic perception with the brightest, most cultured of Harvard graduates.

At the end of the year she came back home to await Dick's return from the wilds of Mexico. There was great anxiety about his safety, for Geronimo, attacked by Crook in the Apache stronghold of the Tonto basin, had escaped to the mountains of northwestern Mexico with his band of fierce Chiricahuas.

Now, Dick Lane had not been heard from in this region. When he neither made appearance nor sent a message upon the day appointed for his return, his brother, Bud, was for setting out instantly to find him and rescue him if he were in difficulties.

Then it was that Echo Allen discovered the true nature of her affection for her lover—that it was sisterly regard, differing only in degree, but not in kind, from that which she felt for his brother. She joined with Polly in opposing Bud's going, urging his recklessness as a reason. "You are certain to be killed," she said, "and I cannot lose you both." Jack Payson, for whom Bud was working, then came forward and offered to accompany him and keep within bounds. Again there was a revelation of her heart to Echo, one that terrified her with a sense of disloyalty. It was Jack she really loved, noble, chivalric, wonderful Jack Payson, whom, with a southern girl's intensity of feeling, she had unconsciously come to regard as her standard of all that makes for manhood. Plausible objections could not be urged against his sacrificing himself for his friend. With an irresistible impulse she cast herself upon his breast and said, "I cannot bear to see you go."

Payson gently disengaged her arms. "I must, Echo. It is what Dick would do for me if I were in his place."

However, while Payson and Bud were preparing for their departure Buck McKee apeared in the region and reported that Dick Lane had been killed by the Apaches. He told with convincing details how he had met Lane as each was returning from a successful prospecting trip in the Ghost range and how they had sunk their differences in standing together against an attack of the Indians. He extolled Dick's bravery, relating how, severely wounded, he had stood off the savages to enable himself to escape.

When he handed over Dick's watch to Echo—for he had learned on his return that she was betrothed to Lane—as a last token from her lover, no doubt remained in the minds of his hearers of the truth of his story, and Payson and Bud Lane gave up their purposed expedition.

The owner of Sweetwater ranch, while accepting McKee's account, could not wholly forget the half breed's former evil reputation and was reserved in his reception of the advances of the ex-rustler, who was anxious to curry favor. Warm hearted, impulsive Bud, however, whose fraternal loyalty had increased under his bereavement to the supreme passion of life, took the insinuating half breed into the aching vacancy made by his brother's death. The two became boon companions, to the great detriment of the younger man's morals. McKee had plenty of money, which he spent

"I can't bear to see you go."

liberally, gambling and carousing in company with Bud. Polly was wild with indignation at her sweetheart's desertion and savagely upbraided him for his conduct whenever they met, which, as may be inferred, grew less and less frequently. In revenge she made advances to another man who had long "loved her from afar."

This was William Henry Harrison Hoover, sheriff of the county, known as "Slim" Hoover by the humorous propensity of men on the range to give nicknames on the principle of contraries, for he was the fattest man in Pinal county. Slim was one of those fleshy men who have nerves of steel and muscles of iron. A round, boyish face, twinkling blue eyes and flaming red hair gave him an appearance of innocence entirely at variance with his personality. A vein of sentiment made him all the more lovable. His associates—ranchers, men of the plains, soldiers and the owners and frequenters of the frontier barroom—respected him greatly.

"He's square as Slim" was the best recommendation ever given of a man in that region.

Pinal county settlers had made Slim sheriff term after term because he was the one citizen supremely fitted for the place. He had ridden the range and "busted" bronchos before election. After it he hunted wrongdoers. Right was right and wrong was wrong to him. There was no shading in the meaning. All he asked of men was to ride fast, shoot straight and deal squarely in any game. He admitted that murder, horse stealing and branding another man's calves were subjects for the unwritten law. But in his code this law meant death only after a fair trial, with neighbors for a jury. He was not scrupulous that a judge should be present. His duties were ended when he brought in his prisoner.

Hoover's rule had been marked by the taming of bad men in Florence and a truce declared in the guerrilla warfare between the cattlemen and the sheepmen on the range.

Slim's seemingly superfluous flesh was really of great advantage to him. It served as a mask for his remarkable athletic abilities and so lulled the outlaws with whom he had to deal into a false sense of superiority and security.

Slow and lethargic in his ordinary movements, in an emergency he was quick as a panther, never failing to get the drop on his man.

Furthermore, his fat exerted a beneficial influence on his character in keeping him humble minded. Being the most popular man in the county, he would probably have been swollen with vanity had there been any space left vacant for it in his huge frame. He was especially admired by the women, but was at ease only in the company of those who were married. It was his fate to see the few girls of the region, with every one of whom by turns he was in love, grow up to marry each some less diffident wooer.

"Dangnation take it!" he used to say. "I don't git up enough spunk to cut a heifer out o' the herd until somebody else has roped her an' slapped his brand on to her. Talk about too many irons in the fire! Why, I've only got one, an' it's het up red all the time waitin' fer the right chanct to use it, but somehow I never git it out o' the coals. What's the use, anyhow? Nobody loves a fat man."

Slim was inordinately puffed up by Polly's preference for him, which she showed by all sorts of feminine tyrannies, and he was forced continually to slap his huge paunch to remind himself of what he considered his disabling deformity. "Miss Polly," he would apostrophize the absent lady, "you don't know what a volcano of seethin' fiery love this here mountain of flesh is that you're walkin' over. Some day I'll erupt an' jest eternally calcify you if you don't look out!"

The sheriff took no stock in Buck McKee's professed reformation and was greatly worried over the influence he had acquired over Bud Lane, who had before this been Slim's protege. Accordingly he readily conspired with her to break off the relations between the former outlaw and the young horse wrangler, but thus far had met with no success.

Payson, feeling himself absolved by the death of Dick Lane from all obligations to his friend, began openly to woo Echo Allen, but without presuming upon the revelation of her love for him which she had made at his proposition to go into the desert to Lane's rescue. She responded to his courteous advances as frankly and naturally as a bud opens to the gentle wooing of the April sun. Softened by her grief for Dick as for a departed brother as the flower is by the morning dew, the petals of her affection opened and laid bare her heart of purest gold. The gentle, diffident girl expanded into a glorious woman, conscious of her powers and proud and happy that she was fulfilling the highest function of womanhood—that of loving and aiding with her love a noble man.

Jack Payson, however, failed to get the proper credit for this sudden flowering of Echo's beauty and charm. These were ascribed to her year's schooling in the east, and her proud mother was offended by the way in which she accepted the young ranchman's advances. "You hold yourself too cheap," she said. "It is at least due to the memory of poor Dick Lane," whom, now that he was safely dead, she idealized into a type of perfect manhood, "that you make Jack wait as long as you did him." When Payson reasonably objected to this delay by pointing out that he was fully able to support a wife, as Lane had not been, and proposed, with Echo's assent, six months as the limit of waiting, Mrs. Allen resorted to her old expedient—tears.

"Boohoo! You are going to take away my only daughter!"

The colonel, however, though he had loved Dick Lane as if he were his own son, was delighted to the bottom of his hospitable soul that it was a man not already in the family circle who was to marry Echo, especially when he was a royal fellow like Jack Payson. So he arranged a compromise between the time proposed by Mrs. Allen and that desired by the lovers, and the date of the wedding was fixed nine months ahead.

"It will fall in June," said the old fellow, who knew exactly how to handle his fractious wife, "the month when swell folks back in the east do all their hitchin' up. Why, come to think of it, it was the very month I ran off with you in, though I didn't know then that we was elopin' so strictly accordin' to the book of etikwet."

CHAPTER III.

THE first instinctive thought of a man reveals his innate character; those that follow, the moral nature that he has acquired through environment and circumstances. That Jack Payson was at bottom a good man is shown by his first emotion, which was joy, and his first impulse, which was to impart the glad news to everybody upon receiving the letter from Dick Lane telling that he was alive and soon to come home. He was in his house at the time. Bud Lane had just brought in the packet of mail from Florence and was riding away. Jack uttered a cry of joy which brought the young man back to the door. "What is it?" asked Bud. But Jack had already had time for his damning second thought. He was stunned by the consideration that the promulgation of the news in the letter meant his loss of Echo Allen. He dissembled, though as yet he was not able to tell an outright falsehood:

"It's a letter telling me that I may expect to receive enough money in a month or so to pay off the mortgage. Now your brother's debt needn't trouble you any longer, Bud."

"Whew-w!" whistled Bud. "That's great! Where does it come from?"

"Oh, from an old friend that I lent the money to some time ago. But, say, Bud, there's another matter I want to talk with you about. You've got to shake Buck McKee. I've got it straight that he is the worst man in Arizona territory—yes, worse than an Apache. Why, he has been with Geronimo, torturing and massacring lone prospectors and robbing them of their gold."

"That's a lie, Jack Payson, and you know it!" cried the hot headed young man. "It was Buck McKee who stood

"That's a lie, Jack Payson!"

by Dick's side and fought the Apaches. And I'll stand by Buck against all the world. Everybody is in a conspiracy against him—Polly and Slim Hoover and you. Why are you so ready now to take a slanderer's word against his? You were keen enough to accept his story when it let you out of going to Dick's rescue and gave you free swing to court his girl. Let me see the name of the snake in the grass that's at the bottom of all this!" And he snatched for the letter in Payson's hand.

(Continued Next Week,)

THE ONLY ONE OF THE KIND.

A writer in the Evening Star, of Philadelphia, recently had some very nice things to say of the colored people of that city, as it concerns their music. Much of what he had to say applies generally to the race. That city, however, seems distinct in the music features, doing things that are not done in most places, if anywhere, excepting in that city. The writer said:

"Music and the colored race have always been synonymous in all places, but principally suggesting to the mind such melodies as are commonly termed 'ragtime.'

"Unique, however, was the part played by the Quaker City when was organized the Philadelphia Concert Orchestra, composed entirely of musicians drafted from the colored race, and devoting their talents and energies to the classics entirely.

"It is the only one of the kind, not only in Philadelphia and in Pennsylvania, but in the entire United States."

It is a fact that the Negro runs readily to the "rag," whether he wills to do so or not. "Rags" are nto bad music, but there's no intelligence, no direction in them. The young Negro who thinks he does something when playing rags cannot see beyond rags. So it is no use to argue with him. The simplest composition, not nearly so mazey or entangled as a rag, has method in it that the rag player never dreams of. Rags are a senseless jingle, as a rule. True enough, writers have taken advantage of the catchiness in them, incorporating them in some form in teh more stately compositions, modifying them by the catchiness, thus giving them a go. Rags, in short, when in their purest state mean simply dancing with their hands, needing just about the same requirements as when dancing with the feet. Good to see—the dancing; good to hear—the music; but most people would rather see and hear than do. The race, happily, is cultivating out much of the rag strain.

Speaking of the orchestra, the writer said:

"There is a history behind the organization of colored musicians; a history of a long struggle on the part of one man—E. Gilbert Anderson—to raise the standard of music amongst people of his color.

"It is a history replete with failures on the part of Mr. Anderson to interest men of power, of money, and of influence in other places. He was rebuffed. Then he came to Philadelphia, and founded what might be rightly called a college for the education of the colored people to an appreciation of the higher classics in music.

"Director Anderson, for he now waves the baton over the fifty men in the Philadelphia Concert Orchestra, had a hard row to hoe. He had to batter down the old prejudices in favor of the lower class of so-called music; such stuff that could be thrummed on a banjo, played on an accordeon, or made to do duty at the family reunion on organ or piano."

The triumph of Mr. Anderson is worth recording. His struggles have been and are at this time being witnessed in most of our communities. The easy content with a little information is chagrining to those who would have the race make a name for itself other than mediocrity and downright obtuseness. Nowhere are these qualities more greatly displayed than in music; the difference between the thing cultivated and the thing in the rough is not known. This is in generally, since many cities have their one or more Andersons who are content to do nothing less than has been done by other men, if not so well. The effort, the attempt are it, and the sign of the righteously or rightfully educated. More of them are needed that the thing of self-sufficiency does not obtain, holding down to the lowlier estate where effort is not essential.

The writer, speaking again, said:

"The Philadelphia Concert Orchestra has never been a great success financially, but artistically it has been.

"That is what Director Anedrson and his colleagues were aiming for. It has caused a great love and reverence for classical music to increase among the members themselves. It has gone further than that. It has caused an awakening among the colored people for such compositions as those of Bethoven, Mozart, Rossini, de Benot, Verdi, Wagner—in fact, all the higher classics, and with what result?

"It has been the uplift of the art of music among the colored people here. It has imbued them with a desire to reach higher things in the realm of music beyond ragtime, and consequently, after the few years Director Anderson 'cast his bread upon the waters' musical, metaphorically speaking, he has it returned to him after many days in the shape of a more just and a more liberal appreciation of his work."

And as if in answer to the postulate that labor is not without its reward, the following is said of Mr. Anderson after his years of endeavor:

"But it was not all smooth sailing for Director Anderson and his associates. Finally, however, a hall was secured for rehearsals. Now the orchestra has the building at the southwest corner of Seventeenth and South Streets.

"The third floor is fitted up as the music room. There the men meet. There they rehearse the several choirs night after night. There they have their music library, and all around the walls are photographs of all the old masters, with the charter of the organization hanging in a conspicuous place.

"This organization was effected in 1905. Going still further, the orchestra last year was incorporated and it is now, as then, the only organization of its kid in the United States, if not the entire world, of colored musicians, who understand, love and appreciate the higher classics in music."

THE KING PUT A STOP TO IT.

King Edward has put a stop to a custom that had developed into a very glaring abuse, and has given rise in the past to no end of misapprehension. I suppose it is unnecessary to explain that when people in Europe call on royalty without being summoned to an audience they do not leave cards. Instead of this they write their names in a visitors' book. It is only the members of the actual court and official circle who are supposed to do this.

But owing to lack of proper supervision all sorts of people who have no earthly connection with the court, and do not know the royal personage otherwise than having been presented at a levee or at a court, have been accustomed to scrawl their names in the royal visitors' book on the slightest provocation.

With a view of putting a stop to this, the king has given peremptory orders that only those known to the royal household officials shall be allowed to write their names in the royal visitors' books. If the servants in charge thereof have any doubt as to the identity of the would-be signer, they are authorized to ask for the stranger's visiting card, and to compare the name mentioned thereon with the typewritten alphabetical list in their possession. If this investigation does not furnish satisfactory results—that is to say, if the name mentioned on the card does not figure on the typewritten list—the visitor is not allowed to sign.

How necessary this reform has been may be gathered from the fact that I have known the American colored valet of a diplomat, who was at one time stationed at Washington, to boldly stroll up to the lodge at Marlborough House and inscribe his name on the visitors' book, first of the Prince and then of the Princess of Wales (as the king and queen were then), the royal servants on duty treating the coal-black negro with the utmost deference and respect, under the impression that he was probably the diplomatic representative of Liberia or else of Hayti.

THEY USE SOME PAPER.

Forty-four carloads of paper and five of binder's boards will be required for the next annual edition of the yearbook of the Department of Agriculture.

This is one of the biggest jobs that come every year to the biggest printing office in the world, and the quantities of the various materials required for the great edition of 360,000 copies are staggering.

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SATURDAY, JAN. 30, 1909.

Pay Queen Lil 'her money. She is entitled to it, and needs it.

The President yelled to California anent the Japanese legislation, "Hold up a minute." And they did.

It is said that there are two Negro Jews in America. Would like to see them. What kind of stores do they conduct?

Mr. John D. made $29,000,000 in an exceedingly short while. How's that? Well, don't they say money saved is money earned?

Of the six lives lost on the ship Republic four were of Negro sailors. The happening, while serious, could have been much worse.

Dr. D. Williams, the eminent surgeon of Chicago, is a member of a real estate company by colored men that is doing big things in Chicago.

A little benzoate of soda may not be necessary, but the housewife knows something besides airtight jars are necessary to hold some things down.

Mr. Tillman is reported as having amended his former statement concerning the education of Negroes. He now thinks they should have a little bit.

The Taft party is now doing the canal by this time. Mr. Taft expressed himself as having had a delightful time in the South, where good old-fashioned, honest, heartfelt hospitality was shown him.

And then after this administration comes that of Mr. Taft, who is also acquainted with the discharged Negro soldiers' situation. He is a big, genial fellow and might prove a good card to draw to. The soldiers might chance him.

A great roadway in honor of Lincoln has been proposed by Congress. If the scheme is carried out it will lead from the city of Washington to the battlefield of Gettysburg. The road will be highly beautified—"a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

Been having beautiful days, but some one has to pay the price. The coal men and ice men are equally unhappy—a very unusual condition. Generally it's harvest for one or the other. The ice crop so far is not promising.

John Mitchell, formerl ythe head of the organization of miners, judging by his speeches, is a man of good ability. He would easily succeed as a lawyer. If his position in the injunction matter is as he stated it before the miners in convention in this city, he has no business in jail.

Elwood C. Knox, manager of The Freeman, has been invited to take part in the inaugural parade March 4th. A colonel's commission for the event accompanied the invitation. The invitation is appreciated and more than likely Mr. Knox will be seen astride a Pegasus on the great occasion.

The hundredth anniversary of Lincoln's birthday will be fittingly commemorated. The great Emancipator grows in the minds of men with age. The South has finally become to see something beautiful in the character of the mild-mannered man who did so much to shape the destiny of the nation.

Then, besides, we've got our own colored people to look after in this country. The Japanese appear unwilling to adapt themselves to any kind of situation. It is different with the American colored people. In the "blackest belt" and in Minnesota or Michigan they will be found doing what is expected of them.

Replying to the farewell speech of Count Komura, the Japanese Foreign Minister, Rear Admiral Sperry declared that 'no two countries ever clasped hands across the sea so warmly. Both nations, he said, might rest content that intelligent sympathy had drawn their ancient ties still closer.

Well, yes, that's so; that is, we guess it's so.

Negroes all over the country regret very much the retirement of Senator J. B. Foraker, of Ohio. He but recently made himself known to them, yet in a way and at such a time as to fix him well in the memory of the race. His tilt with the President in behalf of the Negro soldiers was memorable service and owing to which the colored people feel aggrieved to learn of his defeat. We cannot see that his activity had anything to do with the condition. If so, it will be held deplorable and perhaps may not be the final chapter in the matter.

The following interesting information is current: "One of the largest 'white' military organizations in Cleveland has had a colored captain ever since its organization. While the State militia includes a colored battalion, the Ninth, many of the other battalions have 'mixed' companies. Cleveland also has a colored police lieutenant, fifteen colored teachers in the city schools, including one in a high school, two Negro assistant superintendents in manufacturing establishments employing white operatives, and one colored private secretary to a railroad president."

To commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, Postmaster General Meyer announced that 100,000,000 new 2-cent postage stamps will be issued on or before Feb. 12 next. The new issue was provided for by joint resolution of Congress. The design comprises the portrait of Lincoln in an elipse, the only decoration being a spray of laurel leaves and the inscription "U. S. Postage" in a straight line at the top of the stamp, with the numerals "1809—Feb. 12, 1909," at the bottom. The color design will be red, with the present 2-cent stamp.

The Japanese question now agitating the country is extremely interesting to the colored people. The Japanese are colored people; they speak of themselves as colored. Of course, they are not Negroes, but at that they are not to have preferred claims above the colored people at home. It is too bad that the color business, the nationality business, should be, but we have them. Looking at the question closely, earnestly, honestly, there is much to be feared of hordes of strange peoples who have nothing in common with the country excepting to get the dollars. At the same time this most Christian people will set a very poor example by turning their backs on any nation. Verily, we are up against it.

"in the matter of the emigration of Japanese laborers," said Count Komura, "we are doing our utmost to work in harmony with the Government of the United States, and to meet its wishes. We are energetically discouraging emigration to the United States and elsewhere, except Korea, Formosa and parts of Manchuria. It is now the definite policy of the Government of Japan to concentrate its surplus population—that part which is disposed to emigrate—in these parts of the Orient which I have mentioned. There is opportunity for a very large number of our people in Korea."

Count Komura made it plain that while his government would spare no just and proper efforts to maintain the most friendly relations with this country, he hoped that on our part there would be no discrimination made against Japanese subjects, and that in due time the public sentiment in this country may be as favorable to his countrymen as to other foreigners.

The suggestion that in the deportation of the Negro lay the only means of completely unifying the American nation was made in the Senate last week by Senator Frazier, of Tennessee, in the course of an argument in opposition to the Brownsville troop bills. That the races should dwell together without dominating the other would belie history, he declared; amalgamation would be an unspeakable horror; a race war—Gor forbid.

Senator Frazier insisted that the guilt of some men of the colored regiment at Brownsville had been established beyond any doubt, although the individuals who had committed the crime had not been determined.

As to amalgamation, let those most concerned talk up for themselves. No one thinks seriously of amalgamation, and therefore we can not understand why these periodical great-to-dos about the business. Mr. Frazier sets up his straw man and then forthwith proceeds to demolish him. Who's talking amalgamation, "any how?"

An article in the Atlanta Constitution calls attention to the fact that there will be some unpleasantness in A. M. E. church circles when the Council of Bishops meet, February 4. Bishop Charles Spencer Smith will be on the carpet to answer charges ready to be preferred against him by Rev. John E. Harmon, presiding elder of the Atlanta district. It appears that in the work of reduction by Bishop Smith, Rev. Harmon was left out of the calculation with two or three hundred preachers. Rev. Harmon could not be persuaded to divulge the nature of the charges. He said, however, that they would make interesting reading. The writer of the article intimates that among the possible charges one will arise from Bishop Smith's connection with the movement in opposition to the Jim Crow laws in the various Southern States. Quite a sum of money was collected for the purpose of furthering the movement. Rev. Harmon, it is thought, will attempt to make good the charge of the misuse of some of the fund.

NEW TRIAL REFUSED THE NEGRO PYTHIANS.

Judge John P. Ross has returned from Atlanta, where he appeared before the judge of the Superior Court of Fulton county and argued against the right of a Negro organization to use the name "Knights of Pythias." He represented the Knights of Pythias of Georgia, of whom he is past grand chancellor.

The court sustained for the second time the contention of the white Pythians that the Negroes could not legally adopt the name by overruling a motion for a new trial. The initial hearing on the injunction was had over a year ago, and at that time the Negroes received an adverse decision. They applied for a new trial, however, and have received another denial. It is stated that they will appeal the case to the Supreme Court.

It was at the annual convention of the Knights of Pythias held in Macon two years ago that action was first taken on the matter of the use of the title by Negroes for their organization. The grand lodge authorized the institution of injunction proceedings, which have thus far been successful. It will be several years before the case is finally decided, as it will be carried to the highest court in the land, the defendants having subscribed a large sum to carry on the legal fight.—Macon Daily Telegraph.

A LITTLE AMALGAMATION.

Leaving the bride-elect with a heavy veil over her face in a cab near the county clerk's office, James A. King, aged 40, of Rockport, Ill., cleverly fooled the license clerk. King asked for a license, and when the clerk asked where the bride-elect was King pointed to the cab where she was waiting. The license naming James A. King and Mrs. Jennie Wallace as principals was granted. King then ordered the driver to rush them to a colored minister's residence. The cabman, thinking a joke was up, complied. When the woman removed her veil at the request of the Rev. Elder Greeen, colored minister, the preacher dropped his Bible. She was blacker than the minister. A $5 gold coin restored the minister's courage and he married the couple.

Incidentally, there'll be some little amalgamation in spite of Senator Frazier, of Tennessee. Who did that? The effort has been to get the Negroes in wrong on the amalgamation proposition, when the white people now and then don't mind taking a little of it themselves.

URBANA, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Tabor, who is ill at her home in South Main street, is better....The Junior Missionary Society will meet at the home of Miss Marie Ward, in East Water street....Mrs. Jennie Bowser has returned from Xenia, where she has been visiting....The Church Aid Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Luie Hopkins, in Kenton street.

ANNISTON, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

West Oakes of Birmingham is now the head waiter at the popular Hotel Alabama...M. H. Duvan, chief of police of Hobson City, a Negro town, died Friday, Jan. 22, and was buried Sunday, Jan. 24. Mr. Duvan leaves a wife and one son and other relatives and a host of white and colored friends. He was a member of several secret orders.

MENELIK OF ABYSSINIA REPORTED TO BE DEAD.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

PARIS, Jan. 27.—Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia is dead, according to an announcement from an official source which adds that the Empress Taitou, for some days has been directing public affairs. It is feared that the death of the king will be followed by trouble chiefly at Addis Aleba, capital of Abbyssinia. King Menolik's official title was his imperial majesty King Menelik II, K. C. M. G., Negus Negasti, emperor of Ethiopia, King of Kings.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

J. Henry Burrell is quite sick at St. Joseph Hospital....John H. Robinson and Miss Minnie M. Allen were united in marriage on Thursday evening, January 21. The bride is the only daughter of Joseph J. Allen, the deceased letter carrier....Philip Hale, of Minneapolis, G. J. Charleston and E. Rutledge, of St. Paul, are the Afro-American employes at the Thirty-sixth Legislature, which is now in session. William Williams is chief clerk to Governor John J. Johnson, and George Hoage is messenger. We are pretty well represented at the Capitol this time....Mrs. Betty Patterson royally entertained the One More Effort Club on last Tuesday night....The minstrel and vaudeville show to be given February 3 by Mars Lodge promises to be the event of the season. The show is under the management of Craig Williams.....Master Earl Taylor, of Portland, Ore., is the guest of Mrs. Jennie Lazenberry. Master Taylor is en route to Chicago, where he is to fill several weeks' engagements....Oscar Lobbins has gone to Oklahoma on a prospective trip....A bill has been introduced in the Legislature to prevent whites and blacks from intermarrying in this State.....Arthur N. McDonald, son of Mrs. James Thomas, is now manager of the gas fixture department at the New England House Furnishing Company, in Minneapolis....It is to be hoped that our people in the Twin Cities will promote enterprises and professions of our people. Many have fitted themselves to be lawyers, doctors, etc., but are forced to accept janitors' jobs. There are enough of our people in this city to start a factory or a grocery store of some kind, and thus give the younger people employment for which they have fitted themselves. Cooperation of any set of people is a valuable aid to success....Mrs. Marie Massey fell down a flight of stairs and injured herself quite severely....At a very early date the Episcopal Mission will give a grand concert as a testimonial to Mr. Allen French, Jr. Mr. French has been the leader of their church choir for a number of years.

KALAMAZOO, MICH.

F. C. Dungill, Earl Harris, Albert E. Outland and Frank W. Scott spent Sunday in Battle Creek....Frank Evans gave a reception in honor of his brother, Fred Evans who was recently married....Edmund Pace was in the city for a short time, also Mrs. Deley Richardson....Mrs. C. Jones was in Battle Creek, Mich., last week....The A. M. E. Church held a quarterly meeting Sunday afternoon and was largely attended....Herbert Hall will leave for Lima, O., some time next month, where he will visit friends....The A. M. E. Church gave a social Monday night, January 26th....Solomon Jones entertained a few of his friends Sunday at the Burdick Hotel, winding up with an elaborate chicken supper at the Burdick Cafe....Clyde Hall, official chief soda dispenser at Meadimbers, has been flirting with Dane Cupid and will be married this week in the basement of Meadimbers where everything has been fixed up in elaborate style. A public invitation will be issued to all his friends and gifts cheerfully accepted....Claude Evans has returned to the city, after spending a few days with friends in the south part of the State. He is considering of buying half interest in Ben. Goins barber shop....Clinton Murray, messenger for the postal Telegraph Co., the only good messenger in this city, had his hand badly cut in a fight with a colored boy and it required three stitches to close the wound. The wound is slowly healing.

JOPLIN, MO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Don't forget to leave your orders for The Freeman at Rev. H. H. Curtis' barber shop, 107 West Second street....Oliver Jones, who spent Christmas vacation in Little Rock, Ark., has returned, and is at the Hotel Connor....The Lincoln School is sparing no efforts in rendering a special program on Lincoln's memorial anniversary, February 12. Parents, you should turn out and encourage the children and the teachers in their good work.....J. S. Penman, who has been in Yakima, Wash., for several months for his health, has returned home much improved, and is at his old stand in the Knaues barber shop....At Handy Chapel A. M. E. Church last Thursday evening Freeman L. Martin, the young solon of Pittsburg, Kans., lectured on the subject, "The Negro Platform," and on the question, "Shall the Negro Rule?" Lawyer Parker discoursed with much logic and intelligence. He showed the Negro up in all of their professional avenues and the continued progress they are making. We were only sorry that the entire colored population of the city did not turn out to hear him....Lawrence Statum, who ha sbeen in Cairo, Ill., several months, has returned to the city and is at the Connor....The death angel visited the home of Robert Ewing and claimed as his victim Father Ben Kelley. Mr. Kelley was a Kentuckian by birth, and had recently come to Kansas and from there to Joplin to visit a sister and his daughter. He was 85 years of age and was a devout Christian, having been a member of the Baptist Church since quite a youth. The funeral was attended by Rev. Wilson, at Unity Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon at 2:30. A host of friends paid last respects to the deceased. The body was laid to rest in Fairview Cemetery....The streets were crowded with many visitors from Galena, Carthage, Webb and Baxter Springs, Saturday....The Curtis Cornet Band rendered excellent music at Handy A. M. E. Church last Thursday evening....We are pained to note the death of Mrs. Della McCree, who died last Sunday morning at the home of Mrs. Scales. The funeral was held at the Trinity M. E. Church, Monday evening at 3 o'clock, by Dr. Lockwood, the pastor. Quite a host of friends paid their last respects to the deceased....Parents, keep your children off the streets Sundays and send them to Sunday school and church. Teach them to observe the Sabbath.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Mary Lyon of Steubenville visted her daughter, Mrs. Will Ridout, on her way to Columbus to visit her daughter, Mrs. James Lyon...Mrs. Wright has returned after a week's visit in Pittsburg...Mrs. Muriel, Mr. and Mrs. Mealey, Geo. Lucas are all improving...Word has been received from Mrs. Jennie Smith, now located in Louisville, Ky., that she has improved in health...Samuel Stewart is on the sick list...Mrs. C. L. Stewart, who was operated on a few weeks ago at the hospital, is able to sit up at home...Geo. Lewis is able to be around...Mr. and Mrs. Joe Woodson have a fine son...Archie Thomas, Robert Stewart, Geo. Ridout, Robert Cary, C. W. Swinton and Frank Hall were in Pittsburg last Wednesday attending the athletic meeting and were entertained at the Elks' Home...Peter Clark broke an artery in his leg Sunday and lost a large amount of blood, which laid him up for a few days. He was cared for by Wm. Saunders...Albert Horton, who was run down by a train some time ago, is able to put his arm in a coat sleeve and is doing nicely...The Oak Hill Avenue A. M. E. Sewing Circle met Thursday at the residence of Mrs. Queen Robinson and after the routine of business, committees were appointed and the following officers elected: President, Mrs. John Cromwell; vice-president, Mrs. William Robinson; second vice-president, Mrs. Charles Lincoln; secretary, Miss Rhoda Holmes; assistant secretary, Mrs. Samuel Boggess; treasurer, Mrs. Simon Burgess; committee Mrs. William Collins, Mrs. G. M. Fagan, Mrs. David Brenock. Mrs. Smith was elected an honorary member. Miss Jessie Smith's name was attached to the membership roll. Other members present were Mrs. Anna Hudson, Mrs. A. Royford, Mrs. George Woods and Mrs. J. H. Ragland. The hostess served lunch. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Charles Lincoln's home on Mt. Pleasant street, Feb. 4. At present there is $86.45 in the treasury...Mrs. Hattie Williams, John Holmes and Mr. Watkins are improving...Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, is seriously ill...The Improvement Club of Oak Hill Avenue Church met at the home of Mrs. Frank Bayretts Thursday evening in regular session. The meeting was well attended...Mrs. Fleming of Sharon and Mrs. Lawson spoke on the success of the club. Lunch was served by the hostess...William Saunders is local agent for The Freeman...Mrs. Albert Johnson returned home last week from a four weeks' visit with relatives in Rochester, Pa...Miss Georgie Washington and Hiram Waters of Warren were in the city Sunday...Mr. and Mrs. Grant Thompson of Henry street entertained Sunday at dinner Mr. and Mrs. Robert Conner, Miss Conner and Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Simpson and Attorney Harrington Simpson of Akron, the guest of honor...Mrs. Peyton returned to Franklin, Pa., after a visit with Mrs. Jannie and Mrs. Rollins...Mrs. Jane Thompson of East Federal street is ill...Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Clara B. Harrow of Grant street to George W. Banks of Chicago. The marriage will take place in Chicago May 26...Mrs. Adaline John died Saturday at her late home on Decker street and was buried Tuesday. She left a husband, a daughter and a son, two sisters and a number of relatives and friends...William Saunders' skating party Monday evening was well attended and he will have a special feature every Monday evening. On Feb. 1 there will be a race between Al Freeman and Richard Belt. Best two in three. One-mile heats for championship of Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania, and a number of amateur races...Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lynch of Mercer street have a fine girl.

GREENVILLE, TEXAS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

In an accident which happened at the tie plant about 5:30 o'clock Tuesday, Jan. 19, Lewis Turner had his left leg broken just below the thigh. He was at the plant and when the crew stopped work that evening they all started for home on a couple of handcars. Lewis, who was standing in the rear, in some manner was thrown from the car and run over and crushed very badly when he was pulled out from under the car, and it was discovered that his leg was broken. He was hurriedly brought to the city and given medical attention and afterwards sent to the company's hospital at Sedalia, Mo., where he is reported doing well at this writing...Jim Haskin was sick last week, suffering with an attack of la grippe...Mrs. Mandy was in Ft. Worth last week visiting her sister...Ernest Vance was very ill last Sunday and was not able to be about...Rev. S. K. Williams passed through our city en route to Sulphur Springs Wednesday, Jan. 20...Rev. Jackson, a missionary from Africa, was in the city last week speaking in the churches of our city and asking for aid. Mrs. J. A. Linley's school gave him $3.66. He lectured at the school on College Hill...Rev. W. J. King delivered an able sermon last Sunday...Miss Carrie Etta Wright was in the city last week visiting her brothers, Messrs. I. H., Emmett and Dan Hines.

CINCINNATI, OHIO.

Editor of THE FREEMAN:

A brilliant affair was the installation of officers of Trading Temple No. 19, Daughters of Elks, at True Reformer's Hall. Lunch and music and flowers. Mrs. S. T. Sneed was installed daughter ruler. This temple of lady Elks is in a healthy condition with a good membership and ten applicants waiting...Alpha Lodge No. 1 of Elks held a very enthusiastic meeting Tuesday evening. General instructions by Capt. S. T. Sneed, Exalted Ruler, were given. The meeting was closed at 9:30 for a social session. Speeches and songs were a feature. Alpha is in fine shape...Capt. Sneed, manager of the Fraternal Regalia Company, says the boys are getting ready for Detroit, also for Kansas City. He is dressing them up...Dr. Nelson installed the officers of Polar Star Lodge No. 27, K. of P. Dennis G. Ray, C. C.; Capt. S. T. Sneed, Master of Finance and Grand Rep...Palestine Co. B, 1st Batt., 1st Regt., held their annual election Monday evening, Jan. 11. Music and refreshments. S. T. Sneed, commander; E. E. Schell, first lieutenant; Younger Foust, second lieutenant; D. G. Ray, treasurer; Ed Sanders, knight recorder; Jas. Farby, quartermaster; J. R. Austin and E. S. Sneed, sergeants.

SOUTH BEND, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Emma Russel entertained the O. D. T. Club in the parlors of the American Hall, Friday last. After the session was over they were served a very pretty luncheon in the dining room, all having a very pleasant time. The next meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. J. F. Foster, 328 South Scott street....One of the prettiest and most brilliant affairs of the season was the ball given by the K. of P. Lodge of this city Friday, at the American Hall. Previous to the ball a splendid supper was served from 5 p. m. till 8:30 p. m., at which more than 100 persons were served. All were exceptionally well dressed, and as this season furnishes us with such a variety of models for the fair sex, it can well be imagined the pretty appearance the ballroom presented with no less than 150 beautifully dressed people who were present. Smith and Artist, the musicians, were never more thoroughly appreciated than this evening, as they furnished the best music and made every one thoroughly appreciate the occasion....South Bend seems to be heading the invalid list this season. So many are ill it makes all feel rather depressed with the commencement of the new year.....Clarence Lamont has been confined to his home for the past week with tonsilitis....John Wade, a worthy denizen of South Bend, has been ill with la grippe, but is now able to be out....Mrs. Cora Ask, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Henderson, old residents of this city, has been very ill, threatened with congestion of the brain, and some fear was entertained by her parents for her condition. Though not entirely out of danger, she is much better....Mrs. Artist entertained the St. Pierre Ruffin Club at her home on Studebaker street, last Wednesday. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Geo. W. Bland, on Court street. Mrs. Hart will give them an interesting talk on "Slavery." After their session is over the ladies expect to have a reception, which will continue during the evening.....Mrs. Ollie Lee and her baby daughter have arrived home after a rather lengthy visit with her mother in Beloit, Wis....Mr. Hawkens, residing on Napier street, who has been ill with heart trouble and dropsy, is still in a precarious condition, and his recovery is very doubtful.....Miss Mattie Brown, a young lady, ill at 421 South Scott street, is gaining rapidly....Mr. and Mrs. Tom Howard, 120 South Pope street, are the delighted possessors of a fine boy, who made his advent into this world Thursday last....The friends of Mrs. Willis Walker are glad to know she is once more able to get about....Mrs. E. Wood, of Coquillard street, is mending rapidly....Mrs. Anna Barton, of 116 East Louis street, who has been ill for some time, has greatly improved within the last few weeks. Mrs. Barton was president of the St. Pierre Ruffin Club at the time the Indiana Federation of Women's Clubs was held here in 1906, and her fellow club women have been much distressed by her uncertain condition....Mr. Deliance, who for the past year or two has been ailing, is gaining and able to return to work....There is not a great change in Mrs. Luther Pompey's condition, at 1117 East Sorin street....Mr. and Mrs. Nortin, of 218 North Sadie street, are the proud possessors of a fine boy, born Monday last.....Mrs. John Dungey, of 806 Division street, who has been ill with tonsilitis, is able to be out again....Chas. H. Bell, formerly of Wilkesbarre, Pa., sang at the meeting of the B. Y. P. U., and was very highly appreciated by the large number that were present. Mr. Bell has an excellent tenor voice, and it is quite evident he has had excellent training in the wonderful control he has of it. Later in the evening of Sunday last, Mr. Bell sang "Call of the Deep," at the A. M. E. Church, a special song service being held, in which the ablest and most proficient talent of the city had been secured to lend added charm to the music prepared for the occasion by the choir. Mr. Gemodi, a native of Africa, who at present is residing in South Bend, gave an interesting talk. Mr. Gemodi touched on phases of African affairs and conditions, along with many momentous affairs peculiarly interesting and bearing largely on the American conditions relative to the Negro, then branched off onto things relating to science and scientific effects, as and wherein they concern every nationality, regardless of class, color or creed. A recitation by Mrs. W. W. Anderson was highly appreciated by all. Mr. Williams, a lawyer, formerly of Muncie, Ind., also was added to the list of interesting personages who lent charm and interest to the occasion. Mr. Williams's talk consisted of explaining the significance of phenomena, remarkable phenomena, optimistic and extremist, all of which was done in such a highly interesting manner. It left no one in doubt as to their meaning, and in a way entirely new and interesting to all. Miss Daisy Bland sang a pretty, plaintive air from "The Bohemian Girl," and deserves much credit, because the style assumed by Miss Bland made one imagine you could really hear the original Bohemian girl. Ezra Clark, a violinist of our city, played a violin solo, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. W. Clark. Altogether the sacred concert was a great success, and all are desirous of a repetition in the near future....Col. Hutchinson, an old and much respected citizen of our city, is ill at his home with tonsilitis....Brother Carr, of Dowagiac, Mich., will preach at Mt. Zion Church next Sabbath....A party of the Elite Club of our city will shortly make a pleasure trip to Chicago to see the ever interesting Williams and Walker company. The party will consist of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Bland, Mr. and Mrs. John Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Manning, Mr. and Mrs. Kitrel and Mr. and Mrs. Clay.....The ladies of the Sewing Circle will give a chitterling supper at the Baptist Church this coming week....Earl Findley gave an interesting lecture to the young folks of the Taylor Chapel Sunday school last Sunday....Mrs. Moss, of Niles, Mich., visited at the Huggard home last week....Ray King, of Fasnat avenue, is ill with heart trouble....Mrs. Randolph, of Napier street, who recently returned home from a visit in Virginia, has been ill....The Ladies' Sewing Circle of Mt. Zion Church will give a Kentucky oyster supper February 11, and all are cordially invited to be with them....Mr. Span and wife, who recently moved to Fort Wayne, are nicely located in that city, having secured a home in the central part of the city....Mrs. Bell will soon have Mrs. Clay and Mrs. Dorsey, of Chicago, as her guests....Mr. Fife and E. R. Kaufman, of Chicago, are visiting Mrs. Hines, of Colfax avenue.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL NEEDED

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until a later date. Mr. George is one of the best known young men in the city and is a member of the Pythians, Masons, U. B. F. and Odd Fellows.

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The colored pharmacists are still smiling over the increased patronage given them by the doctors of their race. The colored doctor seems as though he is getting ashamed of going by the colored drug stores and practicing at the same time on the brother next door. When the doctor and pharmacist will pull together, there will be better times for colored drug stores in this city.

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Great preparations are being made at the State University, 712 West Kentucky street, to dedicate the new girls' dormitory, February 7, 8, and 9. Baptists from all over the state are expected to be here to participate in the exercises. The Woman's Educational Convention will have charge of the programme. On February 8 and 9, will be known as "Workers' Conference" at which time all phases of school work will be discussed.

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Just in the early morning of her youth, Miss Ollie Owens, a member of the Sophomore class, at the Central High school, died Monday of pneumonia. She was one of the most brilliant pupils of her class and was well liked by students of the whole school. Miss Owens was a member of the Calvary Baptist church and her funeral services were held from this church. Dr. C. H. Parrish preached the funeral sermon and the class of which she was a member was present at the services.

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While the Postmaster of this city was making recommendations for higher salaries at the office he did not fail to remember Messrs. James H. Black, James R. Harris, Sr., Eugene Yancy, Winston, Howard Jordan and others.

This was not because they were members of our race but because they knew and did their work as clerks. The above gentlemen are among Louisville's representative citizens and they have acquired enough of this world's goods to command a great deal of respect as citizens.

It was their intelligence, fidelity to duty that gave them promotions. We hope there will be others in the office to follow in their steps.

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Your correspondent learns that Williams and Walker will be in this city February 22 at the Masonic. We hope that the report is true. There has been some litigation at the Masonic theater and it was also reported that this incomparable company would not reach here this season. If they come the people of this city will again witness one of the best Negro companies on the road. Williams and Walker are two clever mirth provokers and they have the most capable company on the circuit. They are playing "Bandana Land" with great success in large cities all over America and the clientele at the Masonic theater will no doubt give them a warm reception.

We recall with pleasure such characters as Will Marion Cook, Alex Rogers, Rex and a host of others. The work of Miss Marguerite Ward, one of the smallest girls in the company is remembered here by a host of people who saw her last year and also in "Abbysinia."

Already a number of people from surrounding towns are writing us to secure them tickets to see Williams and Walker in their new "Bandana Land."

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It is reported that the Falls City Medical Association has about abandoned their meetings. At one time this organization was one of the most flourishing in the city. There are such organizations in Philadelphia, Chicago, Kansas City, Indianapolis, Memphis, New Orleans and other cities and for the one to die here is pitiable.

At such meetings the physicians discuss those things that are of value and interest to their profession and the people expect their doctors to be up in medical science. They like to hear of the Negro physician keeping up with the times and for an association of such importance to "croke" would be a great misfortune. The president might call another meeting and get together by spring or at an earlier date. It would be well for such an organization to be intact during the coming National Negro Business Men's League. We know of such physicians to be here as Dr. Courtney of Boston; Dr. C. M. Wade, of Hot Springs, Ark; Dr. Sumner Furnis, of Indianapolis, Ind., and a host of others will be here and such an organization could play a powerful part in the entertainment of the visiting "medicos."

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Dr. T. W. Prather, age forty, who was one of the leading physicians of the city, died of organic heart trouble this week, at his home, 1707 Preston street. He was a graduate of Meharry Medical university and took a post graduate course at Northwestern University, Chicago.

He practiced here for five years and during that time he was connected with the Red Cross Sanitarium. He was associated largely with Dr. Adams, Lattimore, Whedbee, Scott and Merchant, also Dr. Black.

He was a member of the Falls City Medical Association and the following resolutions: were passed by that body

"Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty Providence to take from our midst, our friend and associate, Dr. T. W. Prather, who has labored with us the past five years, and whose labor and consel has been a great benefit to our medical profession and the city at large, we feel that the medical profession has lost a member whose life and example is worthy of emulation and whose place will be hard to fill.

"Be it resolved, That the Falls City Medical Association extend their heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family, many friends and patients in their great loss.

"Be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and placed on the minutes of the association, and sent to his Alma Mater. Committee, Drs. J. A. C. Lattimore, W. T. Merchant, P. M. Flack, H. B. Beck, E. D. Whedbee and A. C. McIntyre."

CARY B. LEWIS.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

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publican leader of the county, is chairman of the League, and S. J. Davis, a well-known business factor, is secretary.

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Mr. Frank J. Wimberly, a prominent business man at Atlanta, Ga., spent Sunday in this city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Calloway at their elegant home on T street. Mr. Wimberly was a delegate to the republican national convention held in Chicago last June and has been elected to represent his state in a similar capacity at several previous conventions. He is associated with Mr. Calloway in the promotion of the suburban town of Lincoln, just across the District line in Maryland, and he and Mr. Calloway returned to Atlanta Sunday night for further labors in connection with this very promising project. Atlanta's leading men of business are evincing a deep interest in the plans outlined and some substantial investments are in sight.

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THE STAGE

The Pekin, at Chicago, will open February 8, in farce comedy, with J. Ed Green, director of amusements, and the original Pekin Stock Company.

The Pewees, Chas. and Sadie, will close with the Florida Blossoms at Jacksonville, Fla., and join Rockwell's Sunny South company at Corry, Pa. Working all the time. Regards to the profession.

J. B. Norton, stage manager of Allen's Minstrels, who has been sick at Greenwood, Miss., is recovering rapidly and will soon be able troeturn to the show, and will be at his old post with the boys. Regards to all. McCameron, write.

Owing to poor business in the melodrama houses and money trouble with C. H. Livingston, manager of the "Creole Slave's Revenge" company, Epps & Loretta are no longer with this company. They are back in vaudeville and have not lost a day since they closed with the show.

The Plant Juice Vaudeville Company is now in Georgetown, S. C., and the boys are having a fine time. The "Two Rosebus," Lehman Smith and John W. T. Wood, of Memphis, Tenn., are taking Georgetown by storm. They are changing their show three times a week. Prof. Jno. W. F. Woods and his little talking boy Henry are the town talk. The people claim him to be the best ventriloquist that has ever been in their city. Smith and Woods send regards to "Long Willie" at the Gem Theatre, Memphis; also to Sam Russel of the Tick Houston Vaudeville Company. Now, boys, read The Freeman and you will always know where we are.

WM. McCABE'S MINSTRELS.

We have just finished the State of Iowa with great success. We carry only six people, but oh my! when the curtain goes up. Every one of the six are versatile people and give a two hour and a half show that pleases the people.

Frank Kirk, the original musical acrobat, has been with this company since Oct. 3 and he is one of the best all-round performers in the business. Mr. Kirk has written a play since he has been with us. It is a musical farce comedy entitled "A Dixie Tramp." He expects to star in it the coming season, carrying band and orchestra. He is now booking it. Mrs. Minnie Kirk, the charming little soubrette, will take a leading part in the play. Mr. Kirk claims this to be different from all the rest, and it must be so, for he always did believe in originality.

OLIVER & JONES COMBINATION.

Prentice Oliver and Rastus Jones have opened a show of their own and are doing well on the road. Oliver is singing a song of his own composition, called "Hold That Car for Me." They are making good and leaving the people screaming with their monologue and song. Rastus Jones is making good singing "It Is Strange No One's at This Table But Me."

Harry Brown is swell with his musical act, taking two to three encores.

Everyone is listening to Mrs. Willie Ree Jones with her contralto voice singing "It's Up to You to Move," taking three and four encores.

Lonie Coleman is cleaning up with his song "I Take Things Easy."

Rastus Jones is also making good with his buck and wing dance.

Oliver and Jones are taking three and four encores with their double buck and wing dance, leaving the people well pleased.

The band is doing fine. All send their best regards to all friends. Mrs. Willie Ree Jones sends love to Mrs. Elsie Jennings.

LOWERY'S NASHVILLE STUDENTS AND MORGAN MINSTREL CO.

Our minstrel first part has been a hit all along the line.

Blanch Beechums, our interlocutor, is making a great success singing "Play That Rag."

Florence Hall is on the sick list.

Tony Barefield, our bass soloist, has a new one, "Down in the Deep Let Me Sleep."

Callie Vassar is cleaning up every night singing "I'm Saving Up My Money for a Rainy Day."

Speader Jones sends regards to friends.

Prof. P. G. Lowery sends regards to all. friends. He is very busy getting ready for the circus.

Charles Beechum, our comedian, is the "New Cook," mistaken for the "Prince," and is making a hit playing the part.

Miss Carrie Gilbert is singing "Baby Doll" and is making good every night.

Henry Jefferson is making good all along the line singing "What a Time."

Little John Edwards got back to the car just in time as we were leaving Sedalia, Mo.

THE FLORIDA BLOSSOMS.

The Florida Blossoms closes in the land of sunshine and flowers after a successful tour of four months through Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida, playing to S. R. O. every night with one of the best shows of its kind under canvas. The company numbers 35 with a list of good performers; also two of America's greatest colored novelty acts, Peewee Williams, tramp juggler, and Chas. McKenzie, sensational gymnastic.

Our leading comedian, Billie Richardson, was a scream every night as "Kid Jones, the Gambling King from Baltimore."

Clarence Steward as a young comedian is working some.

Garfield Smith, the Southern tenor, is receiving encores nightly singing "When the Sheep Are in the Fold, Jennie Dear."

Mrs. Peewee Williams as "The Belle of the Ball" was good in the part.

The Fishers, our sketch team, are doing well.

E. N. Collins, L. W. Clark, O. Hudle and H. Almond have gone to Chicago to go with the Barnum & Bailey circus, opening in March.

The company sends regards to all.

PITTSBURG, PA., SHOW SHOP.

By JASSAMINE.

The "Avenue" is covered with a beautiful white carpet and everything is going fine. Both houses are offering splendid bills and, as usual, are well patronized. Anderson and Goines are playing at the Grand Opera House this week and are making good. Dixon and White are cleaning up at the Hippodrome, down town. There is a new building being erected on Townsend street near the Avenue. Rumor has it that it is to be another vaudeville house, but we will know more about it by next week.

THE LYCEUM. The bill this week is a very good one, headed by "Gray the Whistler" in a singing and whistling specialty that was very good. This young man has been working on the big circuit and is a very clever artist. His whistling was the feature of his act and he was forced to respond to repeated encores. Next on the bill was a Chinese impersonator who did fairly well. Miller and West, a white sketch team, were next on the bill and did well also. Helen Anderson, a clever child artist in songs and dances. Illustrated songs and moving pictures closed a very good bill. The orchestra had an off night and their unsuccessful efforts to play the music of the acts was the cause of great laughter.

THE FULTON. This house offered an excellent bill this week, headed by Willie Norville, the boy wonder, in a singing and dancing specialty. This boy, who is only twelve years of age, is indeed an exceptionally clever artist, and as a singer and dancer he is far above the average for a child. "Zuletta," a contortionist, was next on the bill and did fairly well, although he made a great mistake in trying to be funny without the use of makeup. A fair monologist, R. G. Baker, in illustrated songs, and moving pictures closed a good bill. A photograph of this beautiful little house, also Manager Samuel Levinson, will appear in The Freeman in the near future.

THOMPSON'S COONTOWN 400 AT VICTORIA.

The citizens of Victoria were royally entertained with a new form of amusement last week. The Dana Thompson Minstrel company under canvas presented a three-hour show, and it is safe to say that never in the history of Victoria did so many people gather to see a tent show, except to the biggest of big circuses.

The entertainment was of the minstrel order, but was a pleasing intermingling of the new up-to-date coon songs, cakewalks and dances with a production of plantation life in Dixieland as it was "befo' de wah." The big audience seemed to be out for a good time, and if laughter and applause count, everybody thoroughly enjoyed the show.

The success of the show is due to the excellent management of L. C. Kelley, who is an excellent gentleman in every respect.

Lew Wiley sings "L-o-v-e Spells Trouble to Me."

Jacob Ward, the dancing comedian, took three encores singing "I Am the Man."

Eddie Singleton, the clever buck and wing dancer, is singing "I Think I See My Brother Coming Yon."

Mrs. Effie Moore sings "Red Bird." She takes two and three encores.

Nettie Timmons is singing "Harvest Moon," which is a great hit.

Other good singers time and space will not permit us to mention.

Happy Walburg and wife joined the show at Victoria, where they were entertained by friends.

The band is under the direction of Willie Timmons.

Effie Moore sends regards to Billy Arnt and wife. Also Speedy would like for them to write. The show sends regards to all friends.

A NEAT DRESSER.

"The Skirt" in Variety says: "The most neatly dressed colored player I have seen in a long time is Miss Nevarro of Brown and Nevarro. Her first costume is a simple pink silk jumper dress, although the light blue hat worn with it should be discarded altogether. A black or pink hat would be preferable."

ANOTHER PEKIN THEATER.

Cincinnati is the next city to take the "Pekin" fever and will open the doors of a moving picture house under that name on or about Feb. 1. The house will be located at No. 534 and 536 West Fifth street under the management of Ollie Dempsey and W. H. Smith. Mr. Smith is an experienced showman, having been prominently connected with the Pekin Theatre, Chicago, for some time.

The enterprise will be known as the Pekin Amusement Company, whose purpose it is to open a chain of houses in other towns throughout the State of Ohio in the event the Cincinnati venture is a success. Mr. Dempsey is president of the company.

THE NEW PEKIN, NORFOLK, VA.

C. W. Mosely, formerly of Atlanta, Ga., and later of Richmond, Va., has recently secured the lease on a theatre formerly operated by white men in Norfolk, Va., and has remodeled, beautified and converted it into a place of amusement for colored patrons, calling it the Pekin, and will feature light vaudeville and the most up to the minute motion pictures. Mr. Mosely is well known and needs no introduction to the profession. He will be glad to hear from his old friends in and out of the profession. He sends regards to Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dudley and members of the Smart Set company; also Pat Chappelle and the Rabbit Foot company.

THE PROFESSION IN MILWAUKEE.

The dancing Mitchells were the feature at the Majestic last week, followed by Carter and Bluford this week.

The Howard Hotel is the headquarters for the profession, being centrally located and near all theatres. Mrs. Brown runs a first-class cafe in connection with the Howard Hotel.

The charity ball and concert given by the Cream City Band for the benefit of Capt. L. C. Valle's Catholic Mission last Thursday evening, the 21st, was a grand success. Flash-light pictures were taken of the members of the mission and band on the big stage by Chas. Warren, artist.

It seems that every knock is a boost.

P. J. Cooper is furnishing colored acts for the local playhouses.

In answer to the inquiries pertaining to Milwaukee of Walter Edwards by Dr. R. S. Smith, Parkland, W. Va., Mr. Edwards wishes to state that there are upwards of 1,500 colored people in Milwaukee, one doctor and one lawyer and business man, who sells The Freeman at 192 Fourth street, near Wells.

ROUTE.

WILLIAM McCABE'S MINSTRELS—Spring Greere, Wis., Jan. 31; Prairie, Du Sac, Feb. 1, 2; Middleton, 3; Waterloo, 4.

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS—Lamfasas, Feb. 1; Balinger, 2; Sangelo, 3; Brownwood, 4; Dublin, 5; Cisco, 6.

THE BRUCES—Week of Feb. 1; Empire, Grand Forks, N. D.

IN OLD KENTUCKY Co.—Week of Jan. 31; Baltimore, Md.

HARRY A. BROWN & HODGES—Weef of Feb. 6.

LOWERY-MORGAN STUDENTS—Vandalia, Mo., Feb. 1; Road House, Del., 3.

A RABBIT'S FOOT COMPANY—Miami, Fla., Feb. 1, 2; Palm Beach, 3; Ft. Pierce, 4; Melbourne, 5; Symrina, 6.

DANDY DIXIE MINSTRELS—Newport News, Va., Feb. 1; Richmond, 2; Petersburg, 3; Lynchburg, 4; Greensboro, N. C., 5; Charlotte, 6.

NEW ACTS OF THE WEEK.

By J. D. HOWARD.

"Clean!" "O how clean!" "Sapolio could not have made it cleaner."

This is the universal verdict of the Fiddler and Shelton team, who appeared at the Grand Opera House, Indianapolis, Ind., the week of January 18, expressed by both press and public. I have longed to see this act in "action," that I might be able to give a fair and impartial review of the merits and worth of the efforts put forth absolutely free from any bias or influence from the fact that the young men happen to hail from the "Hoosier" capital.

The act was placed second on the bill during their engagement in Indianapolis and followed an unusually strong act as an "opener," namely Park Byers and George Herman in spectacular pantomine. They were a "go" from their first appearance to the final exit. At no time do Fiddler and Shelton resort to the old-time "Gigoism" to make their stuff go.

As I have said in the opening of this review, their act is exceptionally novel and clean and absolutely free from the usual "Bam" tactics that colored teams in vaudeville resort to to make their work stand out. The act is in "one." Ginger and strict rapid-fire tactics are necessarily in action to make the stunt a winner. The audience doesn't have to wait for an atom. After Shelton's rich baritone solo, by way of introduction (which, by the way, was some solo), the "hands" all through the act were continuous and liberal. These young men deserve much credit in so much as they have given to the vaudeville stage an entirely new and original picture unstilted by any of that "Jube" work that some of the best of them have to resort to in order to make good in polite vaudeville.

Fiddler is clever in his impersonations and mimicry. Shelton is by far the superior of any pianist seen this season at the Grand. Hence it is easy to be seen that with these two qualifications the team possesses all that is required to make good in vaudeville.

The greater part of the work is done in "straight" face and full dress. Their dialogue is not tiresome and with one exception is good English, and that single exception is where Shelton says to Fiddler: "You must say you have just eat." After all the good things that had gone before, this break was really excruciating. The songs were well chosen and the dressing of the act showed both judgment and taste.

LINCOLN THEATER, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

"Hodge and Hodge," last week's bill at the Lincoln," breaks all previous records of the house for attendance and receipts. The weather was exceptionally fine and the house was crowded to its capacity night. The white attendance is growing, and some of the most respected white citizens of Knoxville are urging Mr. Johnson to hurry the completion of his new theatre and have pledged their support.

The bill, a farce comedy by S. Tutt Whitney, seemed to be just what the people wanted. S. Tutt Whitney and Homer Tutt enacted the principal roles. The show was interspersed with specialties of a high class, of which Nettie Taylor was the feature in cornet solos and serpentine dancing.

The Gardners, Mamie and Sam, did a clever sketch, "The Henpecked Husband."

The Lincoln Quartet came in for the lion's share of the applause.

Mabel Brown's sweet voice was heard to advantage in illustrated songs.

S. Tutt Whitney's closing skit, "The Darktown School Teacher," was uproariously funny. He was assisted in the comedy by Mamie Gardner, Sank Sims and Ethel Marshall.

WM. H. REID BAND AND CONCERT COMPANY.

We are with the Barnum & Bailey's Greatest Show on Earth and will open in Chicago at the Coliseum. This company is under the special management of Mr. Reid and the stage is conducted under the management of Tom Gales. The company consists of sixteen people and Mr. Gales has selected some of the best talent that is before the public today. He is sparing no time in getting everything up-to-date and in readiness for the opening. Messrs. Gales and Reid will leave for New York where they will secure their band uniforms and their stage wardrobe.

The company consists of the following people: John Rash and Thadias Page, trombone; N. E. Collins and Robert Gant, alto; Otto Hurdle, baritone; S. W. Clark, tuba; Ernest Madison, Rob. Pope, Preston Bridgewater, Howard Almand, cornet; Reid and Gales on the drums; Miss Bessie Hacker, Miss Silian Henly, Miss Louise Slone, and Miss Helms are the young ladies that will please any audience with their sweet voices and their general appearance on the stage.

The company is now one of the strongest on the road. Mr. Reid also has two other companies on the road with the leading circuses. Mr. Gales sends regards to all professionals.

SMART SET COMPANY.

Miss Jennie Hillman was the guest of Mrs. Marion (Smart) Moore while in Dayton.

Miss Blanche Taylor of Indianapolis was the guest of Mrs. Jennie Pearl Larkins.

George Mc. Clain has been taking off the part of the old man, and deserves great credit for his work.

Miss Mamie Harris of the Smart Set company has returned to her home in Wheeling, W. Va., to recuperate.

Miss Jennie Hillman and her strong melodrous alto and diamonds were the attraction all times in the choruses.

Misses Maude Hudson and Marie Walker closed their season with the company in Louisville and will return to New York.

Wm. A. Ramsey is spending his stay while in Louisville with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lucas. Ramsey is standing out the week.

The Smart Set as usual was given a cordial welcome in Dayton last week and many social functions were pulled off in their honor.

Jerry Mills and Wm. Ramsey were entertained at luncheon in Dayton by Chester Broady, at Mr. Broady's home in Market street.

Some of the members of the S. S. were royally entertained last Wednesday by the members of the Sunny South act in Springfield, Ohio.

Miss Hattie Winslow of Chicago was taken suddenly ill while en route to Springfield, and the physicians are doubtful of her recovery.

Mr. Jerry Mill, genial and clever, convinced us that he is a stage manager of the ripest sort. His stay here was pleasant and enjoyable.

Mr. Broady is erecting a hotel called the Central Hotel at 27 Fourth street, and will cater strictly to the profession. This hotel will be a credit to Dayton.

Mr. Greer will leave the show Saturday and spend a few days with Irwin Slye at French Lick Springs, Ind., and then he will go to the Pekin, in Chicago.

Irwin Allen, who "made good" as the second Dudley, and is receiving the comment of the town, was the guest at dinner with Cary B. Lewis as host.

Prof. Jim Brymm was good. He did not go out to play much. Most of his spare time was given to the piano. Greater things are expected from Brymm later.

There was a cordial feeling among all the players. They seemed like a little family groupe. Saying a kind work to one another was the slogan of the company.

Mrs. Dudley received word that her young son, Sherman, was quite ill. The whole company join Mr. and Mrs. Dudley in wishing the youngster a speedy recovery.

Miss Elizabeth Carrington deserves some special mention as a chorus girl. The spirit in which she entered in her work was admirable. Her pleasant stage smile is a winner.

Mrs. Dudley is one of the handsomest stage characters of the race. She portays her part beautifully, and when not on the stage she can be seen engaged in some industrial work.

The "Smart Set" has a most intelligent number of young men and women. They read, talk good English, also French, Spanish and German. Not much, however, in the school act.

S. H. Dudley was confined to his room the first two days of the show. Dr. Morris Blackburn and a specialist of New Albany, Ind., gave Mr. Dudley a treatment for his throat.

There is a distinct characteristic of all the young women of the "Smart Set." It is their figure. Most of them have forms that are of the latest style on and off the stage. They dress accordingly.

J. Ed. Green, the favorite in this section, was the guest of a number of social functions. Early breakfast and late dinners were given him by Irwin Slye of French Lick Springs, Ind., and others.

S. H. Dudley, star of this aggregation, was unable to appear at a single performance in Dayton, owing to the fact that his vocal organs have been overtaxed. He is still under the care of physicians in Louisville, and is yet unable to appear; and is a universal regret.

Robert Williams is still making good the Smart Set drill song, while James Slater and James Lillard are stand out members of the Smart Set band. Both of the boys have been suffering with throat Bettie Milligan; chaplain, Ella Walden; trouble for the past few days, and Mr. Lillard with his head.

J. C. Wright does a clever bit of acting as a war vereran with perfect decision. Were it not for interruption, which is always in vogue, he would relate some hair raising narrations about the time he was with General Sherman. We learn that Mr. Wright is to fill the vacancy of Ed. Green, as Remus Bolan. "Go on Wright, you are all right."

"Stranded" was the subject of Mrs. Jennie Pearl Larkins, who was recently married. Five years ago, your correspondent met on the trip to Africa in Little Rock, Ark., with Jolly John Larkins, and the whole company was stranded. It is now a pleasant memory to Mrs. Larkins, as she is now leading lady in the "Smart Set," and wife of Mr. Larkins.

The Spanish song by Misses Alice Alex Weaver, Jennie Hillman, Savinia Brown, Tillie Cottman, Marie Walker, Irene Tasker, Daisy Mitchell, Maud Hudson, Rosseta Folk, Josephine Lazzo, Rebecca Roper, Mabel De Hurd and Elizabeth Carrington, was a decided hit of the show. It was in our opinion the best musical number, and the young women showed exceedingly fine training in voice and dancing.

Robert Williams, who has been with the Smart Set for the fourth season, is one of the cleverest of the company. He has been singing the leading song in the drill, and has been doing so with such exceptional merit that no one has been able to take his place. His service on the stage has numbered among some of the best colored shows on the road. They are Martin's Uncle Tom's Cabin, Richard and Pringle's Minstrels, Ed. F. Davis Uncle Tom's Cabin and the great Lafayette vaudeville Co. His stay with the show has been a success.

THE PLAYWRIGHT QUESTION.

By SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

Take it for granted that we are living in a time when colored performers and their musical comedies are flourishing and stars are happy because they write their own plays, or somebody else in the company helps to write them, we are still laboring under a delusion. Two stars and one manager in the big class have thus far felt the need of a professional playwright. Ernest Hogan had to buy an already produced play, rename it and revise it. S. H. Dudley had to almost re-write his time worn play each season to keep it refreshed and into service, and now he is collaborating with a half of a playwright in view of launching a new production next season. And Ernest Ruben Crowder Hogan, whom we had beseeched to remain quiet until he has fully recovered his health is also busy at work on a new play and at present a little too much, I dare say, for the projectility of his brain-power. Manager Robert T. Motts of the Chicago Pekin is still employed considering worthless business propositions in place of searching for playwrights or writers of big reputation to offer them ready money to write new plays for his legitimate theatre. Sherman H. Dudley has been the first star to feel the necessity of a playwright. He graduated at a time when emergencies kept him too busy to write his own plays, that is if he was capable of doing so. This combination of facts now brings the playwright question straight up to the managers and actor-stars. Who will be commissioned to write plays and if commissioned are managers and stars willing to pay for them?

The subject is now at issue and, as one of its delegates, I am deeply interested in its outcome. There are at least five men in literature, or let us say four by omitting the critic, who are not on the stage who make excellent playwrights and there are ten actors on the stage who could retire to be permanent professional playwrights if there appear any inducements whatever of compensation. This question it would seem is now thoroughly up to manmanager Motts of the Pekin theatre. Mr. Motts at the output of this offering has seen Salam Tutt Whitney, with an unsuspected portfolio of plays, jump from the Voelckel and Nolan forces over the head of gigantic Chicago and plant himself right in the heart of a real money proposition in a far away Southern theatre. The plays which Whitney has written have been the secret of his ambition and success. In less than one year Whitney has surprised us not by asserting that he is a playwright and a producer but by actually convincing us; he is also a comedian of plausable ability; he did not seek any job, his services were sought after and he accepted regardless as to whether the door of the Pekin theatre was standing ajar or whether its manager was wont to ask him in. This is enough, full and plenty, and of a nature which must inform managers of colored stock theatres that each door and each leather case of yellow greenbacks must be wide open to clever writers, composers, producers, actors, singers and dancers and the most important of these must be the playwright. To be a playwright means a great deale, and few there are who can master the situation. To be a playwright one must have a good literary education and a mind full of original imagination, with power to create and originate.

To be a successful playwright one must be acquainted with all the traditions of the stage in front and behind the scenes and a wholesome amount of generalship from his own brain must be at his command. To collaborate with someone lse does not prove that you are an absolute playwright, neither does bossing people around the stage on a loud boisterous manner indicate that you are a great stage producer. You are neither one thing nor the other until you prove one thing conclusively. If I were going to be a playwright, and I state this for the benefit of the young man now in school or at college or at home at work on a prospective comedy, I would require a studio or good quiet home comforts to begin with. The first thing I would need would be a commission; there would have to be an agreeable financial understanding between myself and the star or manager who needs the play. I do not wish to infer that managers would hire an amateur on these conditions. An amateur must first submit a play to be read or produced without any compensation whatever except to reseive a sum if the play makes a hit and ropalty during its run. That should be the understanding. Of course no manager would commission a man to write a play unless he is known as a playwright, an actor collaborator and stage producer, or a writer of well-known literary attainments. The young playwright must associate himself with actors all he can in the day time but not at night. Stage rehearsals must be his main study. To ask questions of actors and producers should be his keenest art to be accomplished without annoyance, but many actors are selfish and the answers they sometimes give you are unreliable. Inquisitive people are offensive to actors, therefore much would depend on the delicacy of seeking information and the secrecy of your own aim and future purpose. Then from the outside you must see what you have already seen from the inside. One word in al lis that you have got to understand all the traditional points of stagecraft and the most important study of all is to go to theatre all the time. Live in the theatre. Read what the critics say. It is not to admire the play or the performers that you go there for. Your mission is to see how a scene is set, how much costuming it had and the quality and amount of literature required in the scene. The next time you see the play you pull out your watch and time the scene. You get inspiration from the scene but you must never copy any of the literature. If you cannot map out a new original idea for to write a play you will never be a worthy playwright. One of the hardest things to reach or bring to bear in play construction is the climax at the ending of each successive act. Now, if you can accomplish this you are running, jumping, hopping and skipping some in the playwright business.

My advice to a young playwright is to never be discouraged for vigilance is your friend and the actors are your committee. When your play is first produced a little money comes in anyhow even if the venture is a failure. With all of your undertaking you must not worry nor allow your mind to be disturbed or carried away with other grades of excitement. H. S. Dudley has asked "who will be the next star," but who will be the next manager and the next playwright is just now equally more important. We have stars who have been on trial waiting for a manager and waiting for a play. Rucker, Larkins, Stewart and a dozen other stars are now busy dancing around the sparks, which once flashed from the glitter of their lamentable starhood, and yet no managers have come to their rescue and no playwrights have appeared on the horizon to offer any inducements to stardom. Managers of first-class theatres are wondering and waiting "to see what the darkies are going to do." They know that the only salvation to be found in duskyland is to have proper plays to suit the upper crust of white society and the black 400 and plays that will make all classes and colors flock together the same as they rush and crowd each other in the street cars, elevated roads and subways. When the Afro-American profession has reached the stage of prolific excitement wherein stage productions create a perfect sensation then will the first class theatre and the playwright question of the colored race be decided.

SHERMAN, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Copies of The Freeman are for sale at Mr. J. J. Mackey's handsome tonsorial parlor, 205 East Mulberry street. Mr. Mackey is an expert tonsorial artist. Give him a call....Hon. John W. Dooley the president of the Texas Ex-Slave Home informed the reporter that 30 acres of land two miles north-west of Alba in Wood County, Texas, had been purchased for the purpose of an erection of a beautiful Ex-Slave Home. The proposed home has been moved from near Sherman.... W. E. Lawrence, Sr., has returned home from a pleasant visit to J. G. McCarrell, a relative of Boley, Okla. Mr. Lawrence speaks very complimentary of Boley, Okla., her people and business enterprises being an exclusively Negro town. He says Boley is a town of 1,600 people, all colored being established June, 1905. Boley has the following business enterprises: One printing press, one saw mill, two banks, one furniture store, one music store, one laundry, one taylor shop, two drug stores, three lawyers, three meat markets, two hardware stores, one shoe store, two millinery shops, two lumber yards, one soda factory, one racket store, one post-office, three barber shops, one wholesale feed store, two banks, two two-story hotels, two gins, one general merchandise store, a company grocery store, three restaurants, one railroad, viz. Ft. Smith & Western Ry. has 300 acres of land set off in blocks. Any number of beautiful residences. The banks are handsome buildings made of stone and brick. The president of the Boley & Trust Co. bank is Ellis Lugrant, the cashier is Mr. Sims. The presidents of the Farmer's Bank is Messrs. Haynes and Turner. Wash. Parks is the general merchandise man. Elmer Williams is having two bath tubs installed into his handsome barber shop near Katy passenger station. The Freeman is for sale there. W. H. Cornelius is proprietor of the Arlington Hotel, corner Mulberry and North East streets, near the union depot. Board and lodging is $3.50 per week. Furnished rooms $1.50 per week. Lunches at all hours. Best of service. The Freeman is for sale there. Arthur Williams takes three copies every Saturday of The Freeman. Mr. Webb Douglass, after several weeks serious illness died last Thursday morning, 21 inst., at his home.

WANTED—Man pianist, one who can sing and play: tenor voice; good character. W. R. Carter, 3408 Dearborn street Chicago, Ill.

LOGANSPORT, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Household of Ruth No. 1495 held their installation last Wednesday evening the13th. The following officers being elected for the ensuing year: W. R. Mattie King, W. T. Mary Payton, N. G. Janet Jones, R. N. G. Parthina Taylor, M. N. G. Mary Allen, R. M. N. G. Floretta Turner, W. Counsel, Mrs. Elwood Winslow....On account of the revival at A. M. E. Church the lodge members decided to not have the regular meeting on the 27th....Mr. Earl Bowmen and Carl Perkins of Kokomo spent Sunday in our city....Miss Ora Moss of Peru spent Sunday in city, the guest of Miss Celia Parker....The revival at A. M. E. Church is being carried on with great interest.... Mrs. Lena Mason arrived Tuesday and will remain with us for two or three weeks, and it is to be hoped before the close of the meetings many will be converted. The meetings commenced Sunday night, and there has been quite a degree of interest shown on the part of the members....Cecil Carter is much improved, but not able to attend school yet....Miss Nellie Johnson of Peru, Ind., was the Sunday guest of Miss Amanda Stewart....Mrs. C. S. Jones, who has been very sick at her home in Washington street, is mending very slowly.... Rev. C. W. Roberts of South Bend passed through our city last Friday, and spent the night with Rev. J. L. Craven. Rev. Roberts had been attending the funeral of his brother in Arcadia, Ind....Mrs. Craven was on the sick list last week, but at this writing is able to be out....The trustee helpers will meet with Mrs. Joe Malone Thursday afternoon by order of the president.

DALLAS, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The shares for the trained nurse school have nearly all been taken, which means that the organization will soon be in operation...The annual election of the uniform companies of the K. o fP. departments was held at their armory Tuesday and Wednesday nights as follows: Pride of the West No. 4, John L. Jones, captain; James Talbert, first lieutenant; Thomas J. Harris, second lieutenant; A. D. Hancock recorder; R. J. Bagsby, treasurer...W. Haroin, guide; E. R. Madison, sentinel; George Murray, quartermaster sergeant; C. Cooper, first corporal, J. Mason, second corporal. Oriental No. 15: J. G. Griffin, captain; H. J. Jackson, first lieutenant; Jas. Whitton, second lieutenant; John Lewis, recorder; Randolph Wilburn, treasurer; Holmes Murphy, quartermaster sergeant; Andy Briscoe, first corporal; Chas. Thomas, second corporal; H. Jackson, sentinel; L. Kyles, guard. It is the intention of the newly elected officers to visit and solicit members from the various lodges of the K. of P. order in this city, in order to have this city represented by two crack drill companies at the coming Grand Sessions this summer and fall...The park movement has caught on with red heat by the municipality and the citizens. Let the Law and Order Leage keep pushing it. Their meeting this week has been of great benefit to the race...At the coming elections the qualified voters will be asked to support a measure to levy a school bond, which means to better the present congested conditions and to do away with all half days attendance of pupils, and to build more rooms, better equipment, etc. ...Mrs. Caroline Spraglin of Fort Worth spent a few days here on business the guest of Mrs. M. C. Griffin on Cochran street...Let everybody try and help better conditions here. It is much needed in all parts of the colored districts. As we journey along let us not forget to femind ourselves that it is honorable to work out our own destiny at some honest occupation for a livelihood; because the grafters' days are fast disappearing...Governor Vardaman of Mississippi spent several days in the Lone Star State, but up to the present time we feel no change in his rasping views of the race; but we should not stop thinking and working on some plan for the future welfare of our people.

An advertisement in The Freeman always brings results.

THE FREEMAN POSTOFFICE

Notice.—Persons whose names appear in the following list will kindly send for mail, as the names will appear four times and then returned to writer or dead-letter office. It would prevent delay if all performers would send route from time to time and letter could be forwarded at once.

Gentlemen's List.

Akernon, J. E.	Cox, Jim.
Bruce, W. A.	Johnson, Napoleon.
Barton, Geo. L.	Lewis, Thos. J.
Gilliam, Bessie.	Moore, Alonzo.
Crosby, Goldie.	Wren, Alex.
Cooper, John.	

Ladies' List.

Cook, Anna.	Henderson, Katie.
Fuller, Eva.	
Schackleford, Frankie Barton, Mrs.	

NOTICE.

To Whom It May Concern:

Mrs. Lucy Van Dyke, the widow of George Pompie Van Dyke, 920 Fayette street, Indianapolis, Ind., would like to locate, obtain the address or any information concerning the whereabouts of Mr. Thomas Lewis, formerly of Indianapolis, who soldiered with George Pompie Van Dyke in the United States army, at Ft. Davis, Tex., prior to 1881, under Capt. Charles D. Viele, Company C, of Tenth Regiment of cavalry. Any information will be gladly received. Other papers please copy.

Here we are closing up the last week of the first month of the new year. Time flies. Ten years from to-day you will not be exactly what you are right now. Perhaps there will be more lines in your face, your capacity for happiness will either be increased or decreased, and, financially, you will either have less money or more. You can have more if you will adopt the simple expedient of a savings account with this strong company, where you can place some part of your earning each week or month. Make a start today.

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For the Star Theatre, Colored teams, good comedians and good lady singers. Ladies send photos. State lowest salary in first letter. Lee Henderson, Stage Mgr.; W. H. Hausler, Gen. Mgr., 407 S. Breavord St., Charlotte, N. C.

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SHORT FLIGHTS.

BY R. W. THOMPSON.

Dunbar's Message to Taft.

White folks t'ink dey know 'bout eatin',
An' I reckon dat dey do
Sometimes git a little idee
Of a middlin' dish or two;
But dey ain't a t'ing dey knows of
Dat I reckon cain't be beat
W'en we set down at de table
To a unskun possum's meat!
—*Paul Laurence Dunbar.*

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"Keep on smilin'!"

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This is the newspaper man's hour to shine.

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See that there is a live local Negro Business League in your town.

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There is glory enough for us all. Praise of one man is not robbery of another.

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It is to be hoped that Kentucky's "New Berea" will not turn out to be a "Frost."

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If you see anything in the official line that you think will suit your fancy, just put in a bid for it. "Faint heart ne'er won fair lady"—or office either.

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Now that President-elect Taft has found "possum and taters" to his liking, there can no longer be any doubt about his squareness on the race question.

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Dr. Booker T. Washington will sound the keynote of the Negro's appreciation of the divinely appointed emancipator Abraham Lincoln at three points next month.

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It is just as we told you a long time ago—William Howard Taft is his own man, and he will be the next President of the United States in fact as well as in name.

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The 100th birthday of Abraham Lincoln is to be celebrated all over the country February 12 by white and black alike. He was truly a man of the people—all the people.

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A race so diversified in moral, material and intellectual needs, tastes and attainments, must have many leaders. There is no room to quarrel about who shall be "The" leader.

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Judge Taft's broad Americanism and well-tempered stand for equality of citizenship for all are disappointing the prophets of disaster who opposed his nomination last spring.

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Knox, Hitchcock and Meyer form the nucleus of an admirable Cabinet for President-to-be Taft. And Charles F. Brouker of Connecticut would fill Chairman Hitchcock's shoes to a nicety.

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Let us have "Health Weeks" everywhere and a determined effort all along the line to stamp out the tuberculosis evil. The Negro is the nation's worst sufferer from this scourge.

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THE FREEMAN staff extends the "glad hand" to dramatic critic Sylvester Russell, who has returned to the fold. He and Lester Walton are worthy pacemakers in theatrical news and opinion.

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In getting a home, it will be more homelike to you if the land is bought through a Negro real estate man, the house designed by a Negro architect and erected by a Negro contractor. Try it.

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No true friend of union labor will sympathize with the anarchistic threats of violence against the person of Judge Wright. Corporations have evaded the law, but not one has ever openly defied it.

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As general organizer and publicist, Prof. Charles H. Moore is putting in some effective blows for the National Negro Business League. Keep your weather eye on Prof. Moore and his universal press bureau.

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Negro farmers, North as well as South, will find it beneficial and highly instructive to pay a visit to the Tuskegee Farmers' Conference. It furnishes an inspiration you can get nowhere else under the sun. It happens next month.

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With Senator Burton to the fore and harmony in the ranks of the Tylers, Cliffords, Cottrills, Hills, Dabneys, Hays, Braschers, Flemings, Myers, Eubanks and Greens, the Ohio situation may be said to be in quite a satisfactory condition.

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The so-called National Negro-American Political League—composed chiefly of the Rev. J. Milton Waldron—has swallowed up the Niagara Movement, if Prof. DuBois' statement in the *Horizon* is to be taken as the will of that organization.

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It looks now as if Bishop Walters can safely give Mr. Bryan the premiership in the Ananias Club of 1908. The eminent Zion prelate evidently told some truths that the "Peerless One" was afraid to stand up under when he heard from the brigadiers of the South.

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The Maryland Democrats found no satisfaction in attempting to misrepresent Judge Taft as favoring their scheme of Negro disfranchisement. The proposed constitutional amendment will be defeated when it comes up for adoption by the people this fall.

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Minister Furniss has succeeded admirably in keeping in the middle of the road in revolution-ridden Haiti. The Ambassador to Great Britain has an easy task compared with the diplomacy required to "get by" in the Black Republic. Dr. Furniss is all right.

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The Washington *Horizon*, the DuBois-Hershaw-Muray magizinette, issues a double number covering November and December. It will be pleasing to the admirers of this unique triumvirate to learn that in February they are to present an enlarged *Horizon*.

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The Christmas specials gotten out by many of our race journals were quite creditable. The New York *Age*, *Florida Sentinel*, Norfolk *Lodge Journal and Guide*, *Western Enterprise*, and *Advance Citizen* of Springfield, Ill., were unusually strong in Christmas features.

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The Negro in business is not hedged about by the narrow conditions that bind the Negro who must live by politics. Get into business and make for yourself an independence that is not threatened by the fluctuations of the political barometer, if you would strengthen the race at its weakest point.

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An invitation to attend the Lincoln-Douglass anniversary dinner and celebration of the Westchester County Negro Republican League on Friday evening, Feb. 12, is gratefully acknowledged, and thanks for the same are returned to Paul H. Bray, chairman of the organization, and S. J. Davis, its secretary.

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The movement toward Negro "plate matter" for Negro newspapers is a long step forward. It is what the race has been looking for lo! these many years. A patent page is about to be issued by the American Press Association, with N. B. Dodson, an excellent writer, as editor. It will doubtless fill a long-felt want.

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For numerous and beautiful Christmas remembrances in the form of illuminated postcards, domestic and foreign photos, autograph souvenirs, as well as useful presents and "creature comforts," the generous donors have our sincere thanks. Despite some untoward circumstances, the Christmas period was one of cheer.

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Three colored band leaders out of four for the colored regiments of the United States Army is not a bad showing for an agitation of less than two years. In this regenerative work for racial opportunity, President Roosevelt, Judge and Secretary of War Taft, and Secretaries William Loeb and Emmett J. Scott appear as the "Big Four."

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Two of the best banks in the country operated by Negroes are the Knights of Gideon Bank at Norfolk, Va., and the Crown Savings Bank at Newport News, Va.—both in the Tidewater section, where some of the race's most enterprising representatives abide and carry on business of every conceivable kind, and on a large scale.

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The storm-center of racia ltroubles seems to be located in Atlanta, Ga., at this time. With political conflicts to stir the elements, social warfare between the "aristocrats" and the "commons," a school fight at Morris Brown College and a wholesale "roughhouse" in the A. M. E. Church with Bishop Smith and preacher Harmon as principals, the colored brother in that neck o' the woods appears to have his hands full.

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The patrons of the "black skin removers" who want to be turned white overnight, may be warned by the report that Eugene Crawford, a very dark-skinned Negro of Canton, O., died from heart failure after undergoing a mysterious cuticle transformation which made him almost clear white—which leads us to remark 'tis better to endure the skin we have than to take any long chances on others we know not of.

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Louisville owes her matchless correspondent, Cary B. Lewis, a unanimous vote of thanks for the able write-up of her resources, which appeared in a recent issue of THE FREEMAN. As good as the Kentucky metropolis confessedly is, her light might have remained hidden under the proverbial bushel had it not been for Mr. Lewis' facile pen and vivid portraiture of her enterprising citizens and their open-handed hospitality.

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Prof. W. S. Scarborough scored big with his scholarly treatise at the meeting of the American Philological Society, which was held a few days ago at the University of Toronto. In the presence of brains, culture and finite achievement, color lines are bound to melt into nothingness—and that is what happened at Toronto when Wilberforce's brilliant spokesman brought to light much heretofore undiscovered history touching "The Letters of Cicero."

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Editor W. H. Steward of the *American Baptist, Louisville,* holds the record for longevity of service on a single race journal. He started on his journey thirty-one years ago, and though he has been weak and weary "many a time and oft," he has stuck to it and is stronger today than ever. Editor Steward has never been spectacular in his methods, but he has been what is worth far more—he has been steady, well-poised and sincere in the advocacy of the things that uplift a people. Congratulations and God-speed!

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In rendering it impossible for the President-elect to speak for the Negroes at Atlanta on account of their foolish racket between the "bon tons" and the "commons," we are forcibly reminded of the old story of the mice that could not agree as to the division of the cheese—and both lost out on the prize each hoped to gain. And to think that this childish episode happened under the very eaves of such stately institutions of learning as Atlanta University, Gammon Theological Seminary, Clark University, Spelman Seminary and Morris Brown College!

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The Brooklyn *Eye* got on the wrong side of the political fence in the last campaign, but it seems to be prospering nevertheless. The *Eye* announces that it has moved from its old and cramped quarters to "a larger, brighter and more expensive building," and mentions its ownership of modern two-revolution electric newspaper press, job presses, immense outfit of type, etc., running up to a $5,000 investment. We are glad to see things breaking so well for Brother Lark. There is hope for one so enterprising and resourceful.

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Said Col. George W. Bain, the distinguished Kentucky lecturer, in a recent address at the national capital: "I admire Booker Washington for the great work he is doing for the uplift of his people—and in doing this he is uplifting the whole people. I say to you, we must lift up the Negro or they will pull us down. If we do not cure the evils following in the train of ignorance, immorality, infidelity and incompetency existing too largely among these people, they will gangrene the whole American body politic." Think it over.

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Dr. A. M. Curtis, Washington's famous surgeon, has been designated by the Department of the Interior as a member of the staff of attending surgeons at the new $500,000 Freedmen's Hospital, the erection of which he largely influenced while surgeon-in-chief from 1898 to 1902. Besides lecturing on surgery in the Howard Medical School and carrying on an immense practice in Washington, Dr. Curtis is in demand for special operations all over the country, making annual tours of the South and filling regular engagements at such centers as Atlanta, Richmond, Nashville, Montgomery and Birmingham.

HIS HEART IS RIGHT.

That President-elect Taft's heart is right on the perplexing Negro question was clearly shown by his remarks before a representative gathering of the race last week in Atlanta. He said in part:

"With your efforts to uplift yourselves, I have the deepest sympathy. I say as the coming President that I must stand as the representative of all the American people. The President of the United States can have no more sacred function than to speak words of encouragement and hope to assist your efforts. Fate in the past has not been kind to you, and the whole American people has the highest obligation of trusteeship and guardianship for your uplift.

"It is this country to which your fortunes must always be attached. Every one of you knows that noble and sympathetic men and women in the South have been of the greatest aid to your development and that you will develop faster and faster through the efforts made by the white race to aid in your uplift."

Perhaps we should expect no more of a President than to declare in the interest of all the people, regardless of races. In the very vexed situation the most that can be done by the greatest, those of the greatest influence, is to try to exert that influence in such a way that it may tend to correct abuses. It is evident that the people, those most concerned, also know that fate has been anything but kind to the Negro race. And this fate is not of the things inevitable as we see, but man-made. And because it is man-made, should yield in favor of the larger status and as it applies to those of the country generally. Men and fate are convertible terms in this instance. Men are not uncertain as to the methods employed in dealing with other men. The test of ascertaining what is right and proper, or more right and porper than are now known, is extremely easy and simple. The golden rule, that magnificent, little doctrine, is all-sufficient.

Really, it cannot be expected that those most concerned will subscribe to the golden rule in toto. Nations and men, like children, are filled with prejudice. Nor are they wholly accountable for being prejudiced. All of animal nature is constructed on that line. Animal nature is prejudiced in its own favor, where the faculty of reason is not supposed to be. The hog, the horse, the cow have no thought evidently of how fares the other hogs, horses and cows. Men, even in their best civilization, are not too far beyond these in serving their own ends. The lowlier nature of man is the stronger seemingly. Let him combat no matter however so much and yet the thing will not totally down. This condition applies between man and man, regardless of race. Yet above it all there is a commonness of kind. A herd of horses, if free to act, will not tolerate a herd of cows. Either is under the influence of two laws. First, the individual seeks to preserve against the individual, and then follows the condition of community saving against community.

We do not think the application farfetched when we say that the Negroes receive the benefit of the two laws—acting cumulatively against them. If they feel the full force of the latter, that of the preservation of the species, and into which has entered the influence of the first—the preservation of the individual—then there is some philosophy underlying the situation, and it should be brought out that more reasonableness may enter the struggle. The President-elect knows it; sensible, informed men know it. If Mr. Taft were not aware of the bias of races as they pertain to other races and ignorant of the remoter causes, he, as President of all the people, would command obedience to the written laws and attempt to back it up by stronger force. Happily, he is aware of what is and what has been, as most thoughtful, intelligent Negroes are aware; consequently he can only use his larger influence in making men see the right. Reason, rationalism is depended on; intelligenve, from which reason flows, will aid very much in bringing about the better understanding.

Something is conceded owing to the known prejudices of the human family and on what they are based. Men will not get entirely from themselves—their first selves—let them try ever so hard. Our civilization has come to what it is through the subordination of the individual to the will of many. In various ways the purely animal in man has been tamed, so that he looks with a degree of allowance on what his neighbor has or ough to have. This same force or influence, or whatever it may be called, is called on now, and will be called on in the future if the Negroes are to appreciate satisfactorily in the scales of civilization.

Since the chief executive to be admits that fate has not been kind to the Negroes, it may be taken for granted that most people know it, and most especially those who fashion fate. It is to be expected that those who fashion fate or help in the matter will also concede something in the interest of the common humanity. It stands to reason that there's not going to be any mutual love, yet mutual regard is not entirely out of the question. The Negroes have been fairly patient in the past, and seem more inclined so today. It attests the notion that they are considerate in the most part of those things which make chasms between peoples. The schools have done very much in making the colored people more satisfied with theircivil allotment, more satisfied with themselves as individuals and as a race. The wider acquaintance with history of the races, the terrific struggles between them for superiority, have had their influence on this day. The nations that have survived, standing at the head of the columns, feel it in the bones, where it will not readily be bred out. The hope of advance, we think, is based on the wide and liberal view of the race, together with that of the white race. The white race owes something, and of which it is conscious. It knows fate has been unkind to the Negroes. It knows that the gift of more liberty is within its keeping. It has a part to do also.

THE SLEEPING SICKNESS.

A traveler recently in Africa gives an interesting account of the "sleeping sickness," an African disease. Mr. Winston Churchill, the writer, says:

"By the end of 1903 the reported deaths numbered over 90,000, and the lake shores were becoming fast depopulated. Whole villages were completely exterminated, and great tracts in Usoga, which had formerly been famed for their high state of cultivation, relapsed into forest. The weakness of the victims of the terror, and apathy of the survivors, permitted a sudden increase in the number of leopards, and these fierce animals foraged with daring and impunity upon the living, the dying, and the dead. Further investigations, which were anxiously pushed on in every direction, revealed the existence of the tsetse fly over widespread areas. In the interior of Usoga, on the banks of many rivers, in swamps on the shores of the Albert Lake and Lake Albert Edward, these swarming emissaries of death were found to be awaiting the message. All that was needed to arm them in their fatal power was the arrival of some person inflicted with the microbe. The Albert shores and several parts of the Upper Nile soon became centers of pestilence. Thousands of deaths occurred in Unyoso. By the end of 1905 considerably more than 200,000 persons had perished in the plague-stricken regions out of a population in these regions which could not have exceeded 300,000."

Then again:

"Uganda is defended by its insects. It would even seem that the arrival of the white man and the increased movement and activity which his presence has engendered have awakened these formidable atoms to a realization of their powers of evil. The dread Spirillum tick has begun to infest the roads like a tiny footpad, and scarcely any precautions avail with certainty against him. This tick is a dirty, drab-colored creature the size and shape of a small squashed pea. When he bites an infected person he does not contract the Spirillum fever himself, nor does he transmit it directly to other persons. By a peculiarly malevolent provision of nature this power is exercised not by him, but by his descendants, who are numbered in hundreds. So the poison spreads in an incalculable progression. Although this fever is not fatal, it is exceptionally painful in its course, and distressing in its consequences. There are five or six separate and successive attacks of fever, in which the temperature of the victim may rise even to 107 degrees; and afterward the eyes and hearing are temporarily affected by a kind of facial paralysis. Road after road has been declared infected by this scourge, and officer after officer struck down as he moves on duty from place to place. The only sure preventive seems to be the destruction of all old grass huts and camping ground and the erection along the roads of a regular system of stone-built, properly maintained and disinfected rest-houses, in which the traveler may take refuge from the lurking peril. And this will have to be done."

One of our publications referring to the President's order for Negro bandmasters in Negro companies speaks of the matter as a "Jim Crow" affair. This is carrying matters a little too far. The companies, from what we learned, had white bandmasters and everything was serene until Negro bandmasters were asked for by colored people. The request was reasonable and proper under the conditions. Mr. Roosevelt, in his reply to the request, made it clear that Negro bandmasters would be appointed if qualified. Now comes the noise that the thing is "Jim Crow." A like reasoning should hold that the distinct companies of Negroes are also "Jim Crow." In either event, companies or bandmasters are opportunities. They are not less so with white men, especially bandmasters. We can't quite see where Negroes would be bandmasters if not in their own companies.

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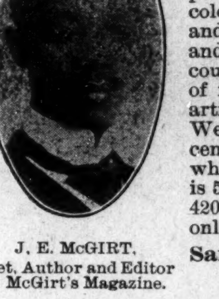

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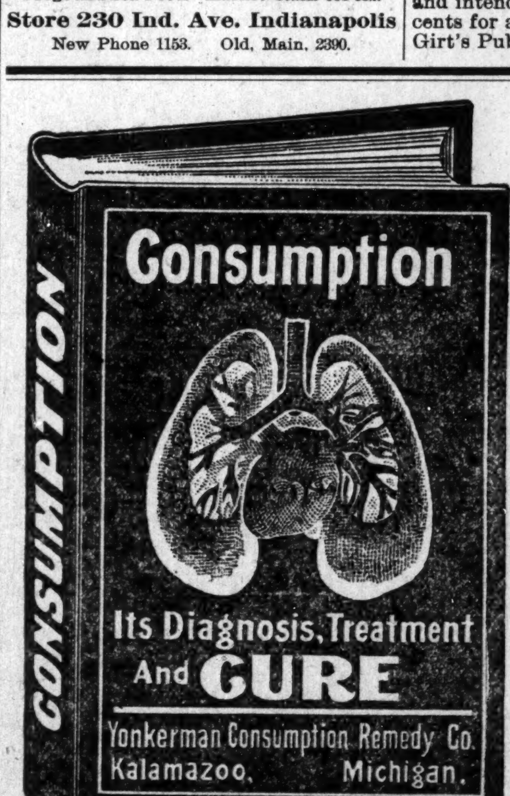

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SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

SCRAPS FROM THE SPORTING WORLD.

By HARRY W. JACKSON.

Has not gone yet as was reported. John L. is still here.

Send that sporting news to the sporting editor of THE FREEMAN.

Jeff's theatrical stunt is creating much interest and is a money-maker for the Wigwam.

Signals! Right half, way back through quarter tackle. And the Turks are playing football.

A bill legalizing four-round bouts in the State of New Jersey has been presented to the Legislature.

Owen Moran, the English lightweight, will meet Tommy Murphy at the National Club of New York next Friday.

Freddy Welsh, the English boxer, who is holding his own, has put in a claim for the lightweight championship. Wake up, Yankees.

Jack Blackburn's lightweight aspirations may be ended if he is convicted of the charge of murder which has been placed against him.

The Marvin Hart-Al Kubiak match that was to come off at Boston February 16 has been postponed until lated. This will give Hart more time to train.

Benny Yanger has considered the grappling game and expects to be in the limelight as wrestler. Yanger is well known in this city as a classy little boxer.

Billy Papke failed to get a $10,000 life and accident insurance policy upon application. The risk of getting injured in prizefighting along with a weak heart is the cause.

Johnson's determination to become the heavyweight champion of the world was so great that he said he would fight Tommy Burns "no matter what arrangements were made."

Miss May Sutton, world's champion woman tennis player, is expected to play in the national championship tournament next June at Wissahicken Heights, near Philadelphia.

The Johnson-Langford bout, which is set for May 24, will be for a $6,000 purse, of which the winner will receive $4,000 and each man will receive $750 for training expenses.

Rev. H. L. Otis of Greensboro, Ala., will umpire in the Cotton State Baseball League games during the summer. Rev. Otis was at one time a baseball player in his college days.

The National Sporting Club of London, England, says that Jack Johnson and Sam Langford will battle for the heavyweight title May 24. The date is some time off and it may be that the certainty of the coming bout will not be known until later on.

The largest gate on record in America was that at Goldfield when Gens defeated Battling Nelson on a foul after forty-odd rounds, the amount reaching $69,715, of which the fighters received $33,500. The Nelson-Britt mill at Colma drew $48,311, the boys cutting up $31,402. Britt and Young Corbett played to $32,245 in San Francisco and took down between them just $24,989. In a second battle between Nelson and Britt in 'Frisco the attendance netted $27,770, of which the lightweights drew down $15,275. Then Britt and Gans fought before a house that yielded $21,765 at the Golden Gate and sliced up $15,225.

Packey McFarland has turned on Young Otto and has called him on his $1,000 forfeit in support of a challenge. Packey will give Young Otto a battle. Otto stated that Packey could have all the gate receipts if he would only consent to fight. Harry Gilmore Jr., McFarland's manager, comes back as follows: "We will give this fellow all the action he wants. If Otto is willing to allow this $1,000 to go as a side bet, then say for me that the match is on. We will make the terms most reasonable for him. Otto can make the weight, 133, at 3 o'clock. We will take him on before any club offering us a percentage basis, and we will divide the boxers' share of the money 75 per cent to the winner and 25 per cent to the loser."

Manager Bettison of the National Sporting Club of London said that he had been endeavoring to arrange fights between Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion, and other aspirants for the championship, both American and English. He cannot, however, mention names until the matches have been cinched, as he would only invite the competition of other clubs by doing so. With the exception of Johnson's fight with Sam Langford at Boston, absolutely nothing has been arranged, not even the date. Fitzpatrick, the manager of Johnson, has written that he would be back in London some time in February, but Mr. Bettison did not expect him before the end of March, owing to theatrical engagements. Both Johnson and Fitzpatrick said they desired to make engagements with the National Sporting Club.

Another pipedream. Hank Griffin, of Ann Arbor, Mich., one-time sparring partner of lanky Bob Fitzsimmons, thinks he can beat Jack Johnson. Hank is 37 years old. "Give me three months," he says, "and I would ask nothing better than to go up against Jack Johnson for the heavyweight title of the world. I think that I am in better training than I ever was, even if I have done very little fighting in the last three years. My last fight was in Saginaw, Mich., when I whipped Geo. Stevenson in four rounds. That was two years ago. I expect to sign up with McCuer for a fight before the Windsor Athletic Club, to be pulled off shortly." "What I would like to see happen," he further said, "would be for Johnson to refuse to meet Corbett, Jeffries, Sharkey, O'Brien, Hart, Ketchell, or any of the other big men until they had first met me. If they whipped me, I would step aside; but if I won, I would like nothing better than to tackle Johnson to show the public that I am far from being all in, even if I am 37 years old."

COMMENT ON JACK AND JIM.

By HARRY W. JACKSON.

Now that Jack Johnson is heavyweight champion of the world, some of the fellows of the fistic sport say that he will not do the dictating in a fight with a white man. Johnson tried hard for quite a while to clinch a match with the ex-champion, Tommy Burns, but his efforts seemed to be in vain. The American journals were continually speaking of Johnson trying to get a chance at the Canadian, until the people really began to sympathize with him. But still the white champion held him off. Finally Burns left the country to meet a few mixers in Europe, followed closely by Johnson. Burns still held off the black wonder until at last a match was arranged to take place at Sydney, Australia. The fight took place December 26. Johnson won the battle and became heavyweight champion of the world as well as the first Negro to hold this title. The fact that he is the champion means that he is the topnotcher, the best of his class. Now there is a growing sentiment to deprive him of the right to dictate terms for a bout between himself and a white fighter. This is injustice. The white man must tell him what to do? Where has this sentiment manifested itself? In America and in America alone.

The promoters of this country did but little, if anything at all, to pull off a match between Burns and Johnson; they seemed to have labored under the opinion that Johnson was not sincere in his demands for a fight with the Canadian. They called him a fighter with a "yellow streak." But wait until Johnson returns home and you will be unable to count the "yellow streaks" who are constantly bobbing up and down in the sporting columns of the various newspapers today. Since he has been named champion of his division, Americans have become interested, not with joy of his victory but with racial envy, which we predicted in case he defeated Burns.

Much different from the English, German, French and Australian pugilistic enthusiasts, the home folks, those who ought to be his friends, have been using all kinds of slander and schemes to deny his ability and right to hold this rare title. "Ben Tillman" John L. Sullivan says that he refuses to recognize Jack Johnson as the heavyweight champion and (as a specimen of his inconsistency) Sullivan said before the fight that Johnson would defeat the white champion. Though he thought Jack would win the title, he does not give him the credit due as a champion, which is true of many other sportsmen.

So strong has the desire to dethrone the Negro champion become that James J. Jeffries, the only man who is thought to have an equal chance with Johnson—the retired champion who has said "Let it be understood that I will never fight again"—has been brought back into the limelight as being the last hope for white supremacy. There is now no doubt of Jeffries intention to re-enter the ring. He is getting into shape while on a theatrical tour. Believing it to be a certainty that the big Californian will step back into the roped square, although he strenuously (?) denies the charge, the fans have already begun to wager on the prospective bout between Johnson and Jeffries.

They say Jeffries will dictate. Well, how is this as to who will be dictator? Jack Johnson sent word to this country on the 21st that in case of a fight between himself and Jim Jeffries the third man must be a Negro if held on American soil, or if the bout takes place in one of the "old countries" he may be a foreigner but not an American or in sympathy with American prejudice. Who dictates? The champion. Who is champion? Jack Johnson. Who is Jack Johnson? A Negro and a real Negro. Even this early in the game he has his say, and as the fight (of which we are sure) nears, he will have more to say.

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Sam Langford put a damper on the confidence of the Jack Johnson admirers when he gave out the statement that he would fight any man in the world, barring one—James J. Jeffries. Langford's belief that Jeffries is the greatest living fighter is taken somewhat as an authority, as the old warhorse is well acquainted with the sport and the tactics of the fighters in the game. Sam has been eager to pick a scrap with Johnson ever since December 26 of the past year, though they have met before. He finally knocked the chip off for a go in May and ue believes that he can handle the block in like manner. Sam's anxiety to meet Johnson and his barring of Jeffries, who is expected to meet Johnson, doesn't speak so well of the black champion's chances with the vaudeville actor.

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Johnson's victory is certainly a money-maker for Jeffries. It has brought him before the people more strongly than did his (Jeff's) victories over Bob Fitzsimmons. It practically caused him to enter stage life, for which he will receive $3,500 per week for ten weeks. If he enters the ring again, just think of the amount of money in purses that have been promised him, thousands and thousands of dollars. If he defeats Johnson, this amount will doubtless be doubled. After his ten weeks vaudeville tour several of the Eastern cities will grab him, which means several more thousands in his pocket.

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John L. has offered a large money bag of $75,000 for a fight between Jack Johnson and Jim Jeffries. Just think of Sullivan offering a purse for a Negro-white man bout. It doesn't seem possible as the past rises before us, and when we think of Sullivan in his glory refusing to fight Peter Jackson, one of the greatest human fighting machines ever born, because he was a Negro. He expressed himself, as he did since the Burns-Johnson fight at Sydney, Australia, with a disregard to a Negro's worthiness to battle a white man. We wonder if the old ringster has forgotten the position he took against the only man he feared. Sullivan has been continually poisoning the minds of the sporting world with the dope that a Negro has no right to hold the championship over white men. Why Sullivan should take so much upon himself to contribute demands and gossip, sweetened with hate, denouncing the Roosevelt of the ring, we fail to see. The Irishman would sound much better with his mouth closed. The title Johnson holds Sullivan never had and he dared not to claim it. The Texas lad is champion of the world; John L. was only champion of America—a little fish.

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Joe Gans says that Johnson is a wonderful fighter. We say so too, but few men are in position to say this as is Joe. Then, too, a wonder himself, Joe Gans says so. This makes us believe more firmly that Johnson is what he is cracked up to be. Joe has handled the gloves with the champion while he was in training, and he knows full well the power and peculiar tactics to which Jack resorts. So well did he know "Artha's" ability and knowledge of the game that his prediction of the outcome of the Burns-Johnson fight was almost perfect. His prediction was, first, Johnson would win; second, the bout would last but fifteen rounds; this he misjudged by one round, but we may overlook it when we think of the many fighters and experts of the ring who predicted the fight to go from two to four rounds less and from three to six rounds more than the mill actually went. Not only did he estimate the victor and the number of rounds correctly, but he knew the method which "Artha" would use to put the French-Canadian away. For a little dope on the outcome of a Johnson-Jeffries match the old prognosticator can give it to you.

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It will be a great disappointment if Jeffries has really told the truth in that he will not fight again—and it will be a disappointment to himself, too.

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Because Johnson defeated Burns the Americans in this country are dissatisfied and because Burns was defeated the Americans in England are satisfied. The reason for this difference between the Yankees abroad and those at home is because of Burns' actions. The Americans in England have a dislike for Burns because he failed to contribute to a charitable cause. Jimmy Cunningham, an American actor, died of consumption in London. Donations were given to a burial fund. Burns was asked for a contribution of $25, which he refused by saying "Charity begins at home." In view of the fact that Tommy had won a victory over Moir and was receiving $1,000 a week for a vaudeville act, the Americans became sore on Burns. His fight with Johnson was taken as a matter of revenge and the ebony fighter was given a great ovation for the feat he accomplished.

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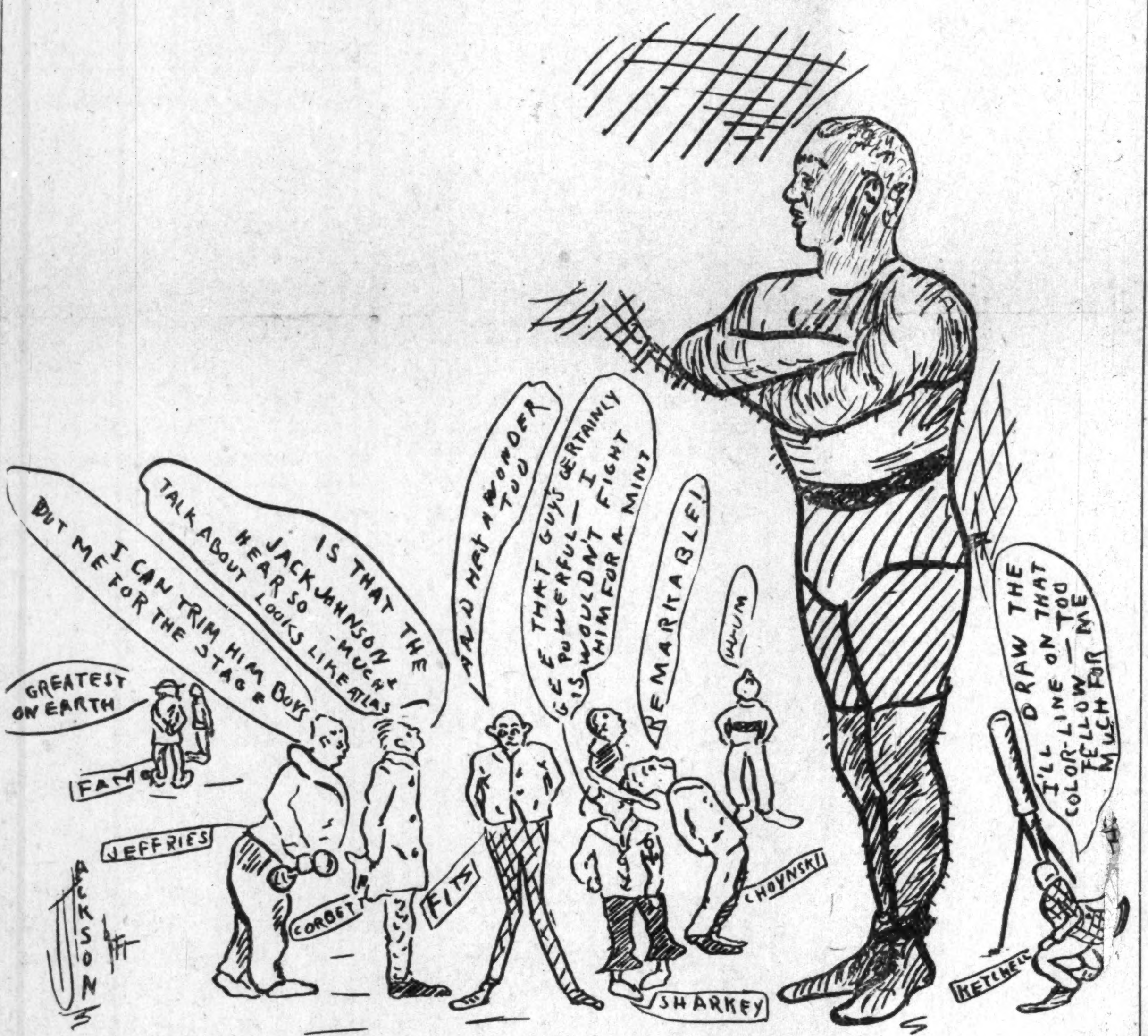
Now since the colored fans of the "Windy City" have made a pot of $10,000 to back Jack in a fight with any white fighter, the echo is now being heard among the white fans. Clarence J. Lewis of Chicago is making an effort to create a fund of $100,000 to present to Jeffries an an inducement to re-enter the arena and fight the present champ. Lewis expects a neat little sum from the Indiana sports.

THE GULLIVER OF THE DAY.



How Jack Johnson Looks to Them.

JACK BLACKBURN A MURDERER.

Alonzo Polk Victim—White Woman Primarily the Cause.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Charles Blackburn, claimant of the welterweight boxing championship, better known as Jack Blackburn, woh is accused of killing Alonzo Polk, has been committed on a charge of murder pending action by the coroner.

Blackburn is said to have planned the shooting. In a cab he went to the home of Alonzo Polk, colored, with Maude Pillian, a white woman, with whom he had been living. The Pillian woman knocked on the door while Blackburn, who was intoxicated, remained in the vehicle. The white woman started a quarrel with Polk and his wife and when she was attacked Blackburn appeared with a pistol and commenced to shoot.

ANTI-RACETRACK BILL.

California Legislature Cast a Vote of 66 to 10 for Its Passage.

SACRAMENTO, Cal.—The lower house of the General Assembly passed the Otis anti-racetrack bill by a vote of 66 to 10. Assemblyman Grove L. Johnson of Sacramento moved for a reconsideration. No vote was taken on the bill in the Senate. An attempt in that body to call the bill from committee met opposition and resulted in an agreement to have the public morals committee report on the measure.

A WEEK IN THE QUAKER CITY.

Monday—Washington Sporting Club, Tommy O'Keefe of Southwark and Young Nitchie of Kensington. West A. C., Jack Fitzgerald of West Philadelphia and Jack Robinson of Chicago.

Tuesday—Douglas A. C., John Wille of Chicago and George Gunther of Australia.

Thursday—Broadway A. C., Phil McGovern of Brooklyn and Charley Harvey of Chicago.

Friday—Nonpareil A. C., Young Nitchie and Tommy Langdon, both of Philadelphia.

Saturday—National A. C., Mickey Gannon of Pittsburg and Paddy Sullivan of New York. Frankfort A. C., Yankee Schwartz will meet Happy Davis and Johnny Lober, both of Philadelphia, three rounds each.

GREENVILLE (TEX.) NINE.

GREENVILLE, Tex.—Special.—T. M. Holloway is signing some fast men of the diamonds for the Greenville nine. Gibie Clark, Rondo Wells and C. Johnson, of Colorado, Tex., has promised to be on the list. A number of the South Texas and Oklahoma boys are expected to be in line soon.

CRESCENT CITY COURT CONVICTS

Bookmakers Appeal to Supreme Court Without Delay.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—The second stage in the test of the Locke anti-racetrack gambling law was passed when the two bookmakers, Placid Frigerio and R. M. Sheffield were convicted before Judge Chretien.

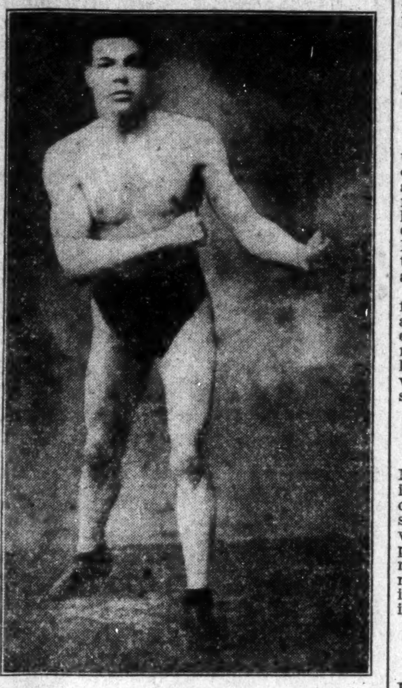
The defense built up a fine case on technicalities, contending that there was no such thing as a bookmaker, using the testimony of Edward Corrigan, Patrick M. Civil and W. H. Fizer for this purpose, but the judge, in his decision, gave a definition of a bookmaker that will probably supply a long-felt want and mark a new era in racing jurisprudence.

The defense gave notice of appeal and the case will be carried to the Supreme Court without delay.

GEORGE B. ROGERS.

Soon to Meet George Dempsey at Columbus, Ohio.

The subject of this sketch was born at Akron, O., and is 29 years of age. He stands 6 feet 1½ inches in his stocking feet and weighs 175 pounds. The youngster is attracting considerable attention



GEORGE B. ROGERS.

among "pugs" and fans in the Middle West. His ring generalship and gameness in action have won favorable comment from the best critics in the leading papers. Rogers numbers among his most important battles the following:

He defeated Joe Grimm in a terrific contest of fifteen rounds at Erie, Pa., Feb. 8, 1907, before the Erie Athletic Club. He lost to Cy Flinn Jan. 8, 1906, at Buffalo in eight rounds. He is open to meet any local heavyweight. He is the brother of A. G. Rogers, the well-known saloonist and foot runner of Buffalo and Columbus, to whom all communications should be addressed at 155 North Third street, Columbus, O.

Arrangements have been perfected and articles signed for a go with Geo. Dempsey February 4 at the Southern Theatre, Columbus. These two have met before, and at that time Dempsey won. Since then Rogers has been in the East and he is now confident that he can take Dempsey's measure this time. Dempsey is reported to have been taking pretty good care of himself of late. He will do the most of his training work at Landerfelt's, 184 West Mound street.

JOE GANS TO RE-ENTER RING.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

BALTIMORE, Md.—Once more will Joe Gans be seen in action. A match between him and Young Erne has been dated to take place February 10 at Philadelphia. It will cost the promoters just $2,500 for Gans' part for eighteen minutes of boxing. The two principals will meet in a six-round contest. Some disagreement took place over weight in which Joe wanted catch weights and would not stand for it. They will meet at 135 pounds at 3 o'clock. Erne takes the bout as a good chance to enter into championship class. Bill Rocap will be third man in the ring.

THE SUNDAY BASEBALL BILL.

Thomas Brolley of North Vernon is the defender of the Sunday baseball bill that has been presented in the Indiana Legislature. The provisions are pretty much the same as were contained in his bill two years ago, which was defeated after a lively fight. It amends section 468 of the Act of 1905 concerning public offenses, to make that section read as follows:

"It shall be unlawful for any person, or persons, to engage in playing any game of baseball, football or other game where any fee is charged, or where any reward or prize or profit or article of value is depending on the result of such game, on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday; provided, that any such game shall be permitted and allowed on Sunday between the hours of 2 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon, not less than 1,000 feet distant from any established house of worship or permanent church structure used for religious services; and provided that such game or games are conducted in an orderly manner. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction shall be fined not exceeding $25."

The chances of this bill becoming a law are regarded as much greater than at any previous session. The ministers of the city, however, will make a bitter fight against it.

A. G. ROGERS.

One of the substantial business men of the Middle West is Mr. Al Rogers of Buffalo, the well-known sprinter. Mr. Rogers in addition to his well-known place at 50 Vine street, Buffalo, N. Y., is now conducting a hotel in Columbus, O. He is well known to the saloon and sporting fraternity, and numbers among his friends some of the best-known colored business men in the country. He is managing his brother George's pugilistic career.

FOOTBALL PLAYER IN RING.

Al Kubiak Puts Him Through a Rough Scrimmage.

PHILADELPHI, Pa.—Ed Casey, star tackle of last year's Villa Nova football eleven, met the usual fate of athletes and strong men who believe their giant frames fit them for the prize ring when he made his Queensberry debut at the National A. C. Saturday night. His opponent was Al Kubiak, and Casey was so badly beaten that referee McGuigan stopped the bout aerl yin the fifth round.

About the only points in the former football player's favor were his gameness and willingness. He took a hard lacing in every round. Kubiak's blows opened his mouth and closed an eye. Casey was on his feet when McGuigan interfered, but he was a beaten man and never would have survived the limit.

LEXINGTON (KY.) BOUT OFF.

LEXINGTON, Ky.—Marvin Hart and Mike Schreck recently offered to meet here in a boxing match and give all the proceeds to the Good Samaritan and St. Joseph Hospitals of this city. Everything was practically arranged when the hospitals announced they would not accept money secured from a prizefight. This notice was given Hart and Schreck and it is known that the fighting game is dead in Kentucky.

"THUNDERBOLT" ED SMITH.

The subject of this sketch was born in Philadelphia, Pa., April 3, 1884. In his stocking feet he stands 5 feet 3 inches and weighs 148 pounds. He has figured in some famous battles, the more prominent of which follow:

Jack Blackburn, two draws; Kid Wilson knocked out in four rounds; Dave Holly beaten in six rounds; Steve Crosby beaten in six rounds; Geo. Cole beaten in

EDWARD SMITH.

six rounds; Vernon Campbell beaten in six rounds; Sam Boland beaten in six rounds; Kid Ashe beaten in fifteen rounds; Geo. Dempsey beaten in six rounds; Wm. Spencer beaten in six rounds; Sandy Williams knocked out in three rounds; Geo. Givens knocked out in three rounds; Jack Young knocked out in eleven rounds.

Smith is open to all comers in his class. His manager, Tom O'Rourke, will back him for any amount from $100 to $1,000 against any comers from 148 to 160 pounds. Address all communications to Thomas O'Rouke, care of *Ohio State Journal*, Columbus, O.

LARRY TEMPLE BADLY BEATEN.

Floored in Four of Six Rounds—Gong Saves Him From Knockout.

PITTSBURG, Pa.—Larry Temple met his superior last week when he fought Tony Ross before the National Athletic Club. The bout was a six-round go and the end found Temple on the floor in a bad shape with eyes black and blue. Ross was too much for Larry and hit him at will, swinging hammer lefts and rights to his body and head. So fast did they come that Larry was unable to get away from them. In the third, fourth, fifth and sixth rounds the gong caught him helpless on the floor. In only the first and second rounds did Temple remain on his feet. Several times Ross sent him through the ropes, and in the sixth round he sent him to the floor for the count of eight when the gong interrupted a knockout. Temple did surprisingly bad and some of the spectators expressed themselves as being of the opinion that he had seen his last battle.

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W. Wallace Needham,—Zanes-ville, O.

W. H. Fielding has been confined to his room for several days during the week.

The Bachlors gave one of their popular assemblies at Odd Fellows Hall last night.

The Woman's Club will meet Monday with Mrs. Mayme Shelton, 510 N. California street.

Malon Reese, a well-known hotel man, is ill at his home at Douglass and Center streets.

Mrs. Amanda Glover went to Cincinnati Thursday to attend an anniversary celebration of a relative.

Miss Grace Winburn of Kokomo has entered the Nurses' Training class at Dr. Ward's Sanitarium.

The Frau Frau Club was entertained by Mrs. Frances Martin in Bright street Thursday afternoon.

Walter Proctor entertained a company of young people last night at his home in West Fifteenth street.

Mrs. Belle Craighead, well-known in fraternal circles, is at the City Hospital undergoing treatment.

Miss Lula Jackson of 1107 N. West street is able to be out again after a successful operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. G. H. Shaffer was called to Springfield, O., during the week because of the serious illness of her father.

Miss Helen Pritchett finished her work at Shortridge High School last Friday, and will be formally graduated in February.

The Woman's Improvement Club will meet Thursday evening, Feb. 11, with Mrs. Lillian Brown, 1109 N. Senate avenue.

Mrs. W. N. Curry attended a family reunion at Anderson during the week, given at the home of Mrs. Mary Wooten, her niece.

Dr. Joseph H. Ward has been invited to be on the Grand Marshall's staff in the inaugural parade of President Taft, at Washington March 4.

Queen Esther Court of Calanthe, No. 264, will meet the first and third Fridays of each month at the Castle Hall, corner Georgia and Illinois streets.

Revival services being held at Bethel A. M. E. Church are increasing in interest and in attendance. There have been several conversions during the week.

Mrs. Edna Grest Winston, formerly of this city, now a resident of Chicago was in the city Saturday. She came to attend the funeral of a niece, Luella Marshall.

Bishop C. T. Shaffer returned to his home at Chicago Monday. He will leave Monday for Jacksonville, Fla., to attend a meeting of the bishops' council, to be held in that city.

Mrs. Oscar B. Wood, accompanied by her niece, Miss Anna Jones, spent a short time in the city, the guest of Mrs. Hulda Webb during the week. They were en route to Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Knox are the recipients of ten jars of nice fruit from Mrs. Walter Graves for which they are grateful. Mrs. Graves hasn't forgotten her Kentucky generosity.

A necktie carnival and dance will be given for charity at Odd Fellows Hall, Tuesday evening, Feb. 16, by the Womens' Club. Every person attending will receive a necktie as a souvenir.

W. P. Comer, district superintendent of the Sunday Schools of the Richmond district will go to Richmond to look after the work of the district, and organize a home department and to establish a cradle roll.

The one hundredth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln will be celebrated at Barnes chapel, at West Twenty-fifth street, Sunday, Rebruary 14. Drs. A. J. King and G. L. Jones and Prof. W. E. Grubbsville be the speakers. Special music, T. R. Prentiss, pastor.

The Young Mens' Choral Society, composed of about 25 men, will render musical numbers at the evening services of the New Bethel Baptist Church in Marindale avenue Sunday, Jan. 31, at 8 p. m. Mr. Francis J. Johnson is the director. A treat is in store for all who attend.

Wallace Woolfolk, Chorister.

The Rev. J. S. Bailey, pastor of Simpson Chapel, is busily engaged with arrangements for the meeting of the Lexington branch of the Methodist Episcopal Conference, which meets at Simpson Chapel, March 24. One hundred and seventy delegates and general officers are expected. Bishop W. F. Anderson of Chattaanuooga, Tenn., will preside.

Mrs. Delania Hammonds, residing four miles northwest of Noblesville, died last week after a short illness, at the age of 85 years. Her son, Thomas Hammonds, also died the same week of heart failure. Mrs. Hammonds' funeral took place Sunday, and Mr. Hammonds' Tuesday. Mrs. Hammonds was the grandmother of Edward N. Perkins, and Mrs. Ora Dunlap of this city and Mr. Hammonds an uncle.

Mesdames Susie Anderson and Millie Alexander are two of the leading colored business women of Indianapolis. They are engaged in the millinery and hair business. Mrs. Anderson is a graduate milliner, holding diplomas from two schools. She has been giving the best satisfaction to her patrons. Mrs. Alexander is an expert manufacturer of hair goods. They were fortunate in their choice of location and in securing the beautiful store room that they occupy. Being prepared in all respects to satisfy the demands of the most fastidious, it is more than likely that their trade will continue to increase. The ladies will be found at 324 Indiana avenue.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Any information of the whereabouts of Marion Sharp. Sam, John and Melvina are her sons and daughter, who were owned by Susan Sharp (white), and lived at Petersburg, Va. My name is Rachel Sharp, and I live at 108 Burford street, Dallas, Tex. I ask the kind consideration of every one in helping me to find my people through The Freeman.

DEATH OF A WELL KNOWN MAN.

Willis Pope, a pioneer of the city where he had lived since 1864, has passed away. He bought a section of ground in the southeastern part of the city where he carried on farming, truck gardening and stock raising. By industry and economy he had accumulated considerable and leaves his widow in comfortable circumstances. He had for years been a member of Olivet Baptist Church, from which his funeral was held. Although 75 years of age he had enjoyed comparatively good health until recently, and on Christmas day entertained a large company of friends at dinner. His funeral took place exactly one month from that date. He leaves besides a widow a brother and sister. His funeral was held last Monday at Olivet Baptist Church and was largely attended.

GRADUATING EXERCISES.

Interesting exercises were held at the McCoy School (No. 24) Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in the presence of a large audience of Patrons and friends of the school. There were twelve graduates. A Lincoln program was the order of exercise. The program was interspersed by special musical numbers given by the entire class. Dr. Sumner A. Frevuiss presented the diplomas. The graduates gift to the school was a set of office furniture, which was of handsome design and showed much care in its selection. A fine exhibit of needle work done by the 7th and 8th grade pupils was to be seen in one of the rooms. The boys' cooking and woodworking classes also had fine exhibits of their work displayed. G. W. Hayes is principal of the school.

School No. 26, in Martindale avenue, held special exercises Thursday morning. A Loncoln program was the special feature.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Next Sunday a very unique subject will be handled by Dr. J. H. Manley of Little Rock, Ark., who comes with his telling address on "What kind of a husband are you," this will no doubt prove of great interest and, therefore, will draw a large attendance as Dr. Manley comes highly recommended as an orator of no mean ability.

Music by orchestra, doors open at 3 p. m. Men only.

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McColl Bible Class every Sunday morning from 8 to 9 a. m. Rev. C. W. McColl who has been teaching the class since its beginning resigned last Sunday owing to his absence from the city so often and thus unable to be with the class regularly. Rev. H. J. Gallis, pastor of Jones Tabernacle A. M. E. Z. Church, has been selected to teach the class and will now be its regular teacher. All men are invited.

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All men who are not connected with the Y. M. C. A. should become members at once, the membership is only $2.00 per year, and as a special inducement at this time all persons who enter now will be permitted to attend Night School for the balance of the season without any extra charge. Now is the time to join.

SHORTRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL.

The new semester opens Monday, February 1, at 8:30. For the guidance of pupils and parents, the following directions are offered for publication:

Pupils now in school will continue in the same session room through the next semester.

Pupils entering from the Indianapolis elementary schools with recommendation for credit in English will report as follows:

Those whose surnames begin with A to H, inclusive, will report to Room 42.

Those whose surnames begin with I to Z, inclusive, will report to Room 44.

Pupils who enter from the Indianapolis elementary schools, and are not given credit in English, will report as follows:

Those whose surnames begin with A to F, inclusive, will report to Room 62.

Those whose surnames begin with G to L, inclusive, will report to Room 38.

Those whose surnames begin with M to R, inclusive, will report to Room 48.

Those whose surnames begin with S to Z, inclusive, will report to Room 49.

Pupils who must be examined for entrance will be given a chance on Thursday, January 28, at 8:30, in Room 42, and on Tuesday, February 2, at 2 p. m., in Room 37. Miss Donnan will have charge of the rooms, and no one will be permitted to be examined except on an order from the principal.

Examinations in all subjects taught in Shortridge High School will be offered Thursday, January 28, at 8:30 a. m., in Room 42. Pupils asking advanced standing, or who are dissatisfied with credits received during the current semester, may arrange with the heads of departments for examinations at this time.

A DIME CAMPAIGN.

A great Dime Campaign is the talk of the hour among friends and menbers of the Young Colored Women's Protective Association; the plan is to raise one mile of dimes with which to clear the place from debt, make some needed improvements and create a Current Expense Fund so that Miss Walker, the president, who last year met the entire financial obligation of the Association from her lectures and readings will be enabled to spend more time in the city and develop the real work of the Institution which is a literary, social, philanthropic and industrial center for our girls.

Attractive little slips holding one foot of dimes each are to be found in the hands of many young ladies who are contesting for the ten dollar gold piece to be given as first prize to the one raising the greatest number of feet over ten; the second prize, a five dollar gold piece will go to the one reporting the greatest number of feet over five. To the contestants out side of the city prizes of the same value will be given; it was deemed necessary to offer two sets of prizes as the girls who live in other parts felt they would be at too great disadvantage contesting against those who live in the city in which the institution is located. Many friends are entering the contest for the sake of the cause and great results are expected. The first half mile is to be covered by Feb. 17, Fred Douglas' birthday, and the entire race will be finished by March 17.

Contestants in Indianapolis are, Misses Blanche Jordan, Cora Resnover, Lillie Walker, Jessie Darneal, Cora Brown, Delia Pasker, Laura Ellington, Ellen Dean, and Madames Catherine Samuels and Loddie Snowden.

Contestants from other cities will be reported next week.

DRUGGIST GRAVES.

Gilbert H. Graves, the well-known cut rate druggist at 12th and N. West streets, who successfully fought the drug trust is the only white druggist in this city and state entirely employing colored help. Mr. Graves and his wife are both registered pharmacists and their bright and intelligent son, Marion, will be one too some day.

In addition to the family are the colored clerks. Anthony Courtney is a graduate of the Louisville High School, and also a graduate of the pharmacentical department of the Winona Technical Institute of this city. Mr. Courtney is one of the most promising young colored pharmacists in the country, and Mr. Graves deserves the courtesy and patronage of the race in employing him. In addition to Mr. Courtney is also to be found Jesse Willis, who is a promising and aspiring as well as obliging clerk.

EDWARD DORSEY, CENTEUARIAN, DIES AT AGE OF 108.

Edward Dorsey, perhaps the oldest man in Marion County, if not in the State, died Monday at his home, 1230 Vandeman street, Norwood, a suburb of Indianapolis. Mr. Dorsey had lived in Indianapolis for the past 40 years. He had been married eight times and was the father of 10 children. He was born a slave near Georgetown, Ky., where with the exception of five years spent in Arkansas, he spent his life until coming to this city thirty-six years ago. He belonged to a man named Oliver Gaines and was never sold. His mother was sold to a Southern trader when he was about five years old, and as a means of identifying him, should she ever meet him she branded him on both arms. The scars were still visible at his death. Dorsey was reared in Georgetown, and is apparently proud of the fact that he was not a plantation negro. His labor was of a more congenial nature, consisting of working about horses, as Mr. Gaines was a horse dealer and conducted a large stable in Georgetown.

When the civil war broke out Dorsey joined the Federal army. He fought as a private for two years during the war, and then came to this city, where he lived until several years ago, when he entered the Soldiers' Home at Marion.

During the war the most serious wound he received was on top of his head, where a heavy rifle bullet ploughed its way through the scalp, but apparently made no impression on the skull. The old Enfield rifle he carried in the war, he says, is still in his possession. He knew all of the hardships of slavery. He remembered the battle of New Orleans, and of seeing Gen. Lafayette upon several occasions. He also talks of the stars falling, and could remember lying on the ground where the slaves were all huddled together through fear. All of his wives except one are dead. His funeral was held at Simpson Chapel, Thursday afternoon under the auspices of Martin R. Delany Post. He leaves several children and a host of grandchildren.

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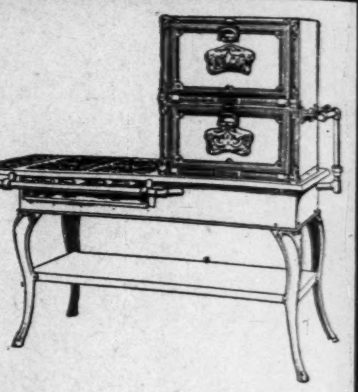

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